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Hiking in Scandinavia, anyone?

When Chancellor Dave Johnson retires on June 30, 1998, it won't be to sit on his couch. He'll walk from Behmler Hall right into the Scandinavian mountains. UMM grads, parents, friends and their friends are invited to join him on his fourth such summer trek into some of Sweden's and Norway's most picturesque areas.

The hikers will fly into Stockholm on Friday, July 10, 1998, and return from Oslo on July 23. (Those wishing to remain longer may extend their stays.) The itinerary includes two or three-night stays at four different hotels. The hotels serve as bases for day hikes to which the group returns late each afternoon to enjoy the atmosphere and cuisine for which Scandinavian mountain hotels are famed. The regions in which the group will amble are Sweden's Lake Siljan and Norwegian border and Norway's eastern valleys and fjord country.

Price for the trip, including round-trip air fare to/from the Twin Cities and nearly all meals is \$2,995. Contact Dave Johnson at johnsond@caa.mrs.umn.edu or (320) 589-2622 or Seminars International, semint@aol.com/800-541-7506 for further details.

City, School Board give nod, County on hold regarding Fitness/Rec Center

The Morris City Council pledged \$200,000 in July to help build a community fitness/recreation center on the UMM campus. The \$5 million Center is a proposed joint project between UMM, the Morris Area School District, the City, and Stevens County.

The Stevens County Board of Commissioners proposed contribution of \$200,000 will hinge on the outcome of a referendum to be voted on in the November general election.

The Rec Center plan envisions \$1.1 million in contributions from individuals and businesses; of this amount, \$325,000 had been pledged at press time.

Committee represents students, faculty, staff and community

Chancellor Search Begins

JUDY RILEY University Relations

A committee of 12 has been chosen to begin the selection process for the position of chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Morris. Chancellor David Johnson has announced that he will retire as UMM chancellor effective June 30, 1998.

Chosen by University of Min-

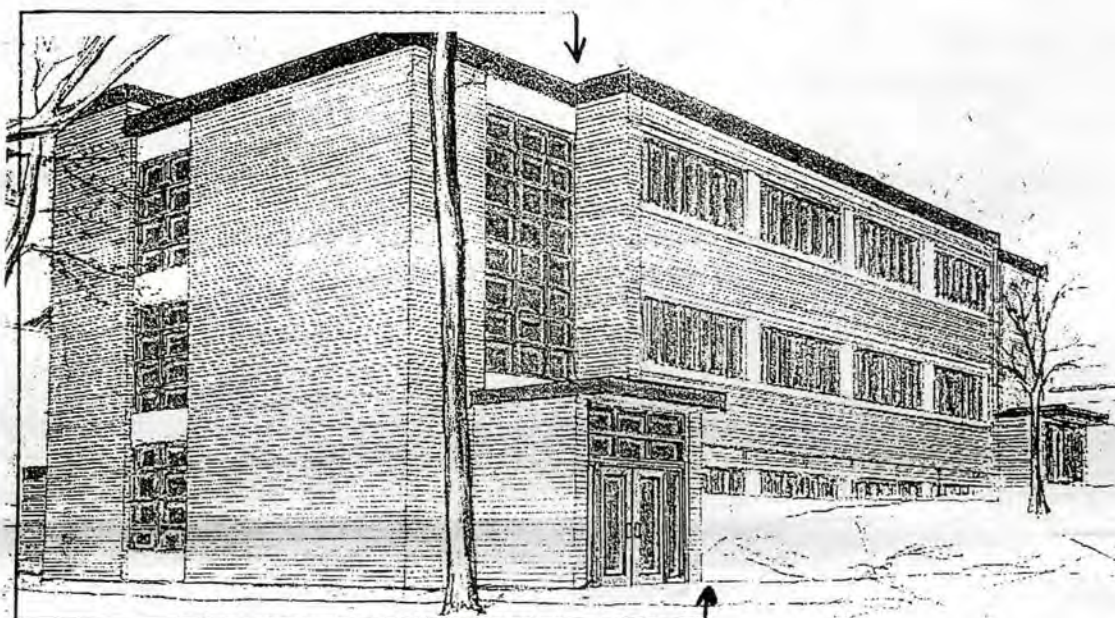
nesota president Mark Yudof after consultation with the UMM Consultative Committee, Civil Service Committee and others, members of the search committee are: from UMM, Angel Lopez, chair of the committee and professor, computer science; Tinisha Davis and Brent Heeringa, students; Pieranna Garavaso, associate professor, philosophy; Roland Guyotte, associate profes-

sor, history; Karla Klinger, director, academic advising; Gwen Rudney, associate professor, elementary education; and Thelma Wilson, office specialist, Registrar's Office;

Michael Martin, dean, Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sci-

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Humanities building addition has its ups and downs



Construction is underway on an addition to the Humanities building. When complete in fall 1997, the addition will house a new elevator, stairwell, expanded custodial facilities, and a renovated language center. (see story page two)



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Bremer Foundation pledges \$20,000 to fitness/rec center

JUDY RILEY University Relations

Trustees of the Otto Bremer Foundation have approved a grant in the amount of \$20,000 to be used toward establishing a regional fitness and recreation center in Morris.

"The dream began over two years ago, to develop, in cooperation with the Stevens County area and the University of Minnesota, Morris, a multi-purpose center that would meet the health and fitness needs of area residents and the UMM population," said Cindy Perkins, director of Morris Area Community Education and Recreation and member of the Fitness/Rec Center Task Force. "This multi-function center will house an indoor walk-

ing/jogging track, zero-depth entry pool, cardiovascular area and multi-purpose gymnasium."

"Recently the Otto Bremer Foundation helped us take one giant step forward by pledging \$20,000 to this proposed project," continued Perkins.

The Regional Fitness/Recreation Center is a collaborative venture which will serve the surrounding area and the University of Minnesota, Morris campus. The Center will be added to the existing Physical Education Center on the campus. All age groups are being considered in the design and planning of the facility.

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Frogs hop to big time

JUDY RILEY University Relations

"ABC Nightline" producer Daniel K. Morris was in town (at UMM) last spring to interview Dr. David Hoppe, UMM professor of biology. Not surprisingly, the subject of the interview was deformed frogs.

Hoppe has gained national recognition for his research of deformed frogs, which began in 1975 before the topic became a household word. Now, along with scientists from the University's St. Paul campus and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, he has been studying the rise in the number of deformed frogs found in Minnesota.

Why is the study of deformed

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Mark and Judy Yudof to visit

Plans are underway for the visit to UMM on October 6 by University of Minnesota president Mark Yudof and his wife, Judy. The occasion will be an opportunity to acquaint the Yudofs with both the Morris campus and the Morris community.

UMM and the Inauguration

In conjunction with the inauguration of University of Minnesota President Mark Yudof, scheduled for Friday, Oct. 17, on the Minneapolis campus, UMM will present an honorary degree on October 15, to Humphrey Doermann, retired president of the Bush Foundation. The inaugural ceremonies, which will be attended by UMM administrators and faculty, will be broadcast via satellite to the UMM campus.

Alumni: send us your business cards

The Admissions Office is interested in receiving business cards from alumni. We would like to put together a portfolio of cards for prospective students as away to indicate the variety of positions and careers that graduates have undertaken since leaving UMM. Our intent is to develop one portfolio that will be available in our waiting room in the Admissions Office and available for viewing by students and their families. Send your business card with your graduation year and major on the back of the card to:

Admissions Office
105 Behmler Hall
University of Minnesota, Morris
600 E. 4th Street
Morris, MN 56267

As a reminder, we would also encourage UMM alumni to continue referring prospective students to us. Send us their name, address, high school and year of graduation, and we will follow up with information about the college and an invitation to visit the campus. Thank you for your consideration; we hope to hear from you soon.

-Rod Oto
Director of Admissions

WCEDA update

The West Central Educational Development Association traveled throughout west central Minnesota this summer, in support of the Morris Science Project. The University of Minnesota booth at the August Stevens County Fair was a collaborative effort among UMM, WCEDA, the West Central Experiment Station, University College, and the Stevens County Extension Service. There's still much to do. Want to help? Contact WCEDA co-chairs Liz Morrison '74 (320) 589-1342 or Denny Ellefson (320) 589-3434.

MCSA officers elected

Morris Campus Student Association officers for the 1997-98 academic year are Eric Bass, East Bethel, president; Gary Hedin, Silver Bay, vice president for student services; Sarah Nylander, Brooklyn Park, vice president for academic affairs; and Wade Bronson, Zimmerman, vice president for finance and operations.



HONORS RECITAL PERFORMERS Four of five students selected to perform in last spring's Honors Recital pose with UMM professor of music Clyde Johnson. Kneeling are Patricia Dorn, Glenwood, soprano; and Susan Schleder, Sebeka, soprano and pianist; standing are Sarah J. Smith, Maple Lake, flute; Johnson; and Shauna Voss, Rockford, french horn.

Humanities building elevator will soon go all the way to the top

JASON LINA '97 University Relations

Construction is underway on an addition to the Humanities building at UMM. When completed in fall 1997, the addition will house a new elevator, stairwell, and expanded custodial facilities. The addition was a part of UMM's 1996 capital funding request and was necessary to bring the building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The ADA, signed into law in 1990, prohibits discrimination against disabled people regarding access to employment, public accommodations, transportation, public services and telecommunications. Considered landmark legislation, the ADA provides for the first time comprehensive federal civil rights protection for people with disabilities.

According to UMM associate vice chancellor for physical plant and master planning, Lowell Rasmussen,

UMM hopes to maintain the architectural blend of its mall area in every construction project. Every effort is being made to ensure that the new Humanities addition will look like it was a part of the original design of the building and not just an add-on.

The completion of the Humanities elevator project will bring all of the primary classroom buildings on the Morris campus into compliance with the ADA. Plans for making the Minority Resource Center and the Education Building handicapped accessible are currently under consideration and plans for an elevator for the P.E. Center will be a part of UMM's 1998 capital funding request.

Renovation of a humanities classroom which will result in a language center was also scheduled to be completed by September 15.

U.S. West grant provides funding for play, colloquium

JASON LINA '97 University Relations

UMM has received a \$9,000 grant from the U.S. West Foundation to help fund the 1997 Children's Theatre production of "Winnie the Pooh" and the 1998 Midwest Philosophy Colloquium series.

According to Tom Mahoney, director of grants development at UMM, U.S. West Foundation representative, Marilyn Leonard, approached UMM seeking ideas for projects that would benefit from the Foundation's help after meeting with Vivian Heltemes, then

UMM's director of fund development. "Marilyn made the process very user friendly" Mahoney said.

Of the list submitted by UMM, the Children's Theatre proposal by associate professor of theater Tap Payne and the Midwest Philosophy Colloquium series, proposed by assistant professor of philosophy Ishtiyaque Haji both met with the Foundation's guidelines for projects which support com-

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frogs important? Hoppe says that frogs are considered to be "like canaries in a coal mine." They are used as indicators of ecological trouble. Amphibians spend half of their time in the water and half of the time on land; this can make them an easy victim of contamination. A frog's eggs don't have shells and can easily be affected by pollution. Frogs also have a thin, sensitive layer of skin that is susceptible to environmental factors.

The Hoppe segment aired on the June 20 "ABC Nightline" program.

Faculty and Staff

Andy Lopez, who serves as the computer science discipline coordinator, is chairing the UMM Chancellor Search Committee. Andy continues his research into ATM Networks and keeps up with the latest in computing services, attending SIGCSE, the national computer science education conference in San Jose, Calif. Andy and Nic McPhee, assistant professor of computer science, are in charge of the computing services lab with the help of students Ryan Benke and Jason Anderson.

Dian Lopez received tenure and promotion to associate professor this spring. She presented her research at an international computing service conference in Osaka, Japan, and received a grant to spend the week after in Taiwan doing research at Academia Sinica, Taipei. She also received an invitation to spend a week at Lulea University, Lulea, Sweden, in February, 1997, where she conducted research, consulted on curriculum and gave three invited talks. More recently, Dian has received a joint \$25,000 grant from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture with Dr. Alan Olness of USDA Agricultural Research Services, Morris. The grant is based on past research by Lopez, Olness, and UMM students, Colin Sweeney and Jason Cordes, on computer modeling of nitrogen content of soils. Dian also continues her research into scheduling of parallel algorithms (this year with students Joe Lee and Bill Royce), and advises the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)/Computer Science Club. She publishes the *Computer Science Internship Guide* - last year with the help of students Sarah Retka and Lynette Boom.

Nic McPhee coordinated the ACM Regional Programming Contest co-sponsored by the CS discipline and the ACM/Computer Science Club. He

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munity involvement.

The events will each share in the \$9,000 grant with \$4,000 funding the Children's Theatre proposal and \$5,000 partially funding the philosophy colloquium proposal.

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has also been working on genetic programming and on an evolutionary computation framework. Nic served on the program committee for the Second International Conference on Genetic Programming held at Stanford University in July and was a discussant for several papers at the conference. He is also faculty adviser to KUMM.

Scott Lewandowski has received a UMM tenure-track appointment in computer science. He has nearly completed his doctorate in computer science at North Dakota State University. Scott also worked with students Paul Johnson and Shawntan Howell in the Center for Small Towns project.

Mark Gilbert is getting married and leaving UMM for Minneapolis.

Janet Goslett has been appointed as an instructor in the computer science discipline and is working on her doctorate at Michigan Technological University. Janet spent the summer in South Africa visiting her family and will join the discipline this fall.

Admissions counselors **José Márquez** and **Gina Brunko** were married May 10 in Fergus Falls. They both remain employed at the UMM Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.

Former UMM staffer **Angela Bies** was one of 24 Minnesotans recently appointed by the Minnesota State Arts Board as adviser panelist for Arts in Education, Operating Support, and Series Presenters programs. Bies, who is executive director of the Minnesota Charities Review Council in St. Paul, was formerly the assistant director of Student Activities at UMM.

Art history professor **Fred Peterson** proved that one person's trash is another one's treasure at his recent exhibit at the Whipple Gallery at Southwest State University. Peterson used many different types of scrap metal, nails, pieces of broken locks, even crushed pop cans to create his unusual "portal" neomodern sculptures.

Sandy Olson-Loy, director of Student Activities, was one of five recipients University-wide to receive an Academic Staff Award.

Associate professor of psychology **Jeff Ratliff-Crain** is the 1997 recipient of the Minnesota Psychological Association's Walter D. Mink Outstanding Teacher of Undergraduate Psychology Award. Of the eight awards given, UMM psychology faculty have received four.

Carol Ford, principal secre-

tary in the Division of Science and Math, was awarded an artist's study grant from Southwestern Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council to attend a four-day song-writing workshop in Lyons, Colo. in August.

Roland Guyotte, associate professor of history, presented a paper, co-authored with former UMM faculty member **Barbara Posadas**, titled "Filipinos, Ethnicity, and Race in Twentieth-Century Chicago: The Impact of Polarization Between Blacks and Whites," at the Third European Philippine Studies Conference held in April in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Forty-three graduating minority seniors were recognized for their accomplishments at the 24th Annual Cultural Heritage Week ethnic dinner in May. Two MSP alumni were also recognized. Honored were **Lisa Tate Williams '79**, psychology, for completion of her master's degree in biopsychology and a pending doctoral degree in molecular biology at Howard University. **Carlos Gallego, '85**, retiring UMM Alumni Executive Board member, was honored for his support of the MSP program. **Dr. Michael Risku**, assistant professor of education, was presented an award for his innovative coordination of the 1996-97 MSP Gateway Program. **Dr. Peter Whelan**, assistant professor of geology, also received an award for his contribution to the Inquiry course and his continuing support of the MSP program.

Jill Beauregard, accounts specialist in the Office of Financial Aid, was one of the chaperones for the First Lutheran Church youth group who traveled to New Orleans this summer for the National Youth Convention. UMM students from New Orleans, **Christopher Sherrod** and **Alexander Williams**, spoke to the group about New Orleans prior to the trip.

Assistant professor of English, **Loren Gustafson**, presented "When the Cranes Write History: The Start of Gerald Vizenor's Autobiography" at

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Parents Day
— 1997 —

Saturday, November 8

Watch for details to be mailed soon!

For more information
call the Office of Student Affairs at
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WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR IN BUDAPEST Former UMM faculty members William Peterfi and Roy Grohs met over coffee in Budapest, Hungary, to welcome in 1997. Peterfi, on the right, has retired to Budapest where he has become a successful novelist in his native language. Grohs is employed at the U.S. Embassy in nearby Bratislava, Slovakia.

A Conversation With...

Lowell Rasmussen

Rethinking the campus community:

A perspective on the Morris campus buildings

The "three R's" of education and what they refer to have drastically changed. A phrase that once referred to "readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmetic" now refers to "reuse, rehabilitation and reconstruction." At least that's the case when UMM talks about its campus building plans. UMM's original plans called for tearing down Camden Hall and the Social Science building. A new classroom/office complex would have replaced the two. Now the emphasis is on building less new space and more focused on adaptive reuse and renovation of existing buildings.

When one retraces the development of the Morris campus, the most obvious reminder of past needs and present expectations are the campus buildings. The physical structures have responded to the needs of the academic community.

One of the greatest challenges is the fact that buildings will outlive even the best planning projections by a factor of 10: planning processes generally do not span more than 10 years. Buildings, however, are projected to provide over 100 years of service.

Rapid growth in the '70s created a planning scenario that is quite different than the present one. Solutions in the '70s appeared to be based on a philosophy that campuses could grow their way out of problems, or into becoming world-class institutions. The '70s set the stage for what is developing into a major change in the campus's physical strategies. Today, challenges are more focused on providing a quality education within reasonable fiscal limits.

The Morris campus now understands that the resources invested in the physical facilities over the last 100 years are, in fact, resources and not necessarily liabilities. Every year that a building adequately serves the academic functions is one more year that the facility provides a return to the campus. The old assumptions that space was a necessary cost and the solution was to tear down and build new, was called into question by the Campus Master Planning process, and a change in the state bonding requirements for new buildings.

Adaptive reuse, rehabilitation and reconstruction were terms that simply did not exist in '70s planning documents. The Master Planning process encouraged the campus to explore these possibilities just as aggressively as previous planning documents relied on growth and expansion. The conclusion? Adaptive reuse of existing facilities was more cost justifiable than tearing down and building new.

Building character, the architect and the architectural style, building size and construction materials, as well as the relationship of the older buildings to the central campus mall, all impacted the planning process. The campus has an historic core, made up of buildings surrounding the mall. The



Lowell Rasmussen

Minority Resource Center building is already designated on the state's historical preservation list, and will reach its 100th year in 1999. Four other campus buildings will reach that 100-year milestone in the next 20 years -- Spooner (1913), Camden (1912), Community Services (1915), and Behmler (1918).

With new sensitivity to the value of the existing physical resources, and a commitment to provide a quality education with limited dollars, the stage was set. The campus revised and reduced the amount of space that it planned to build new, and focused its efforts on the adaptive reuse and rehabilitation and better utilization of many of the original campus buildings.

There are still new buildings in the campus future, but by aggressively moving on a new plan, the campus may have avoided up to \$30 million in new building costs and up to \$10 million of bond debt cost for the campus over the next 20 years. A systematic plan will address those buildings that can contribute to the core functions of the campus. There may be opportunities for smaller scale fund drives for building improvements to restore some of the more distinctive features of the older buildings.

With a successful adaptive reuse and reconstruction program on existing facilities, UMM will continue to provide a quality liberal arts education to the people of this state with a campus that reflects the diverse and rich heritage of the mall buildings. New facilities will enhance historic ones when adaptive reuse is not the answer to academic needs.

I invite alumni and friends of UMM to take an active role in helping to identify the importance of the mall buildings as they relate to the development of the University of Minnesota, Morris. Support the campus capital request for the addition of a new science building in the 1998 legislative session.

For more information, visit the Morris Science Project website at <<http://www.mrs.umn.edu/~mike/project.html>>.

Lowell Rasmussen is associate vice chancellor for physical plant and master planning at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

Beyond the Ends of Our Noses

UMM Reaches Out

What does getting a liberal arts education mean? The University of Minnesota, Morris defines its liberal arts mission as one of education, research, and outreach. Students, faculty and staff show what reaching out means, UMM style, in this pictorial review.



APPLIED SCIENCE UMM students Joann Jungwirth '00, St. Paul, Ryan Krisko '98, Minnetonka; and Joe Franek, chemistry faculty member, perform experiments for Hancock third graders. (*Morris Tribune photo*)



A WORKSHOP FOR ALL AGES Residents of Grandview Apartments in Morris were treated to a visit by a UMM Opera Workshop class taught by Professor Janet Ahern. The session was open to others besides Grandview residents. Workshops at this location and others are a specific and important part of the class. (*Morris Tribune photo*)

UMM branches out

JUDY RILEY University Relations

Where a tree grows in Morris, UMM freshmen may have had a hand in planting it. For the third consecutive year, freshman at the University of Minnesota, Morris planted trees for Morris residents during New Student Orientation. The tree and planting is free,

Carol McCannon, Campus Compact coordinator at UMM, says, "The idea is to orient students, and to find a way to do service and to connect with the community."

Residents filled out cards, requesting that either an ash or a spruce tree be planted. All trees were donated by Chuck Olson of

Pomme de Terre Nursery in Barrett. The National Guard donated some shovels, as did MnDOT. Willie's Super Valu in Morris provided plastic for the trees.

In addition to residential tree planting, UMM freshmen worked on a tree-planting project at the Stevens County fairgrounds.

In yet another community service effort, UMM students put on storm windows for senior citizens in Morris.

Getting our feet wet...

Following the flooding last spring in parts of Minnesota and North Dakota, volunteers from UMM boarded the Cougar bus and headed to offer flood relief in Breckenridge.



A SHORT RESPITE Volunteers Art Durkee, retired plant services employee and Cougar bus driver; Dave Rath, plant services custodian; Katie Gonier, English faculty; and Dee Schultz, plant services custodian, pause to refresh during lunch. (*Judy Riley photo*)



ALUMNI RELATIONS DIRECTOR Vivian Heltemes gathers up a muddy tarp after wet sandbags had been removed from one of several Breckenridge homes. (*Judy Riley photo*)



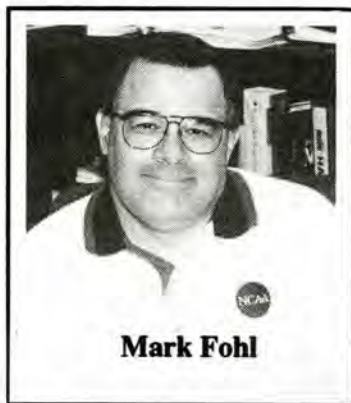
SAY "MUD" Breckenridge flood relief volunteers gather for a photo by the Cougar bus at the end of a long day before heading back to Morris. (*Judy Riley photo*)



NEW MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA BOARD OF REGENTS Robert Bergland, former Minnesota state representative from Roseau and former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, visited the Morris campus during spring quarter as the newest member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. MCSA students presented Bergland with a "Minnesota Morris" sweatshirt, which he proudly shows off in this photo with Elizabeth Blake, former vice chancellor for academic affairs, and history professor Bert Ahern.

Athletic Update

Mark Fohl, Director of Athletics



Mark Fohl

As the new school year approaches, anticipation of another Cougar athletic year is beginning to build. Much will be happening in the coming months.

The Second Annual Cougar Wrestling Golf Classic was held August 2 and 3 at Blueberry Pines in Park Rapids, Minn. Thanks to Doug Dufty and his committee, this event provides a means for former and current wrestlers and

coaches to meet, socialize and to raise money for the wrestling program at UMM. The first annual event was a lot of fun, and all indications are that it will grow each year.

The Fifth Annual Cougar Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet will be held at 8 p.m. on October 18 in Oyate Hall as part of Homecoming week at UMM. Four former athletes will be inducted this year: Dr. Dennis Clausen ('65), Laurie Jacklitch ('80), JoAnn Thompson ('80), and Basil Meyer ('89). With these inductees, the Cougar Hall of Fame will now include 17 individuals and the 1970 football team.

Since the last issue of *Profile*, we have received funding to hire a soccer coach for women. Plans are to begin the program in the fall of 1998. We will then have a total of 16 athletic programs at UMM, and at that time all seven members of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference will be competing in the sport of women's soccer. Our intentions are to make Miller Field the soccer facility.

Discussions have been ongoing regarding an addition to the P.E. Center for a Community Fitness/Recreation Facility. As you may know, the P.E. Annex is scheduled for demolition when the addition to the Science and Math building is constructed. The new facility will include a gymnasium, walking/jogging track, cardiovascular exercise area, and an addition to the swimming pool. It will be available not only to UMM students and staff, but also to members of the community and school district. There is still much work to do in securing the necessary funding for this project; however, progress has been good. It will be a sad day when the Annex is demolished, but it will be great to have a new facility. If you would like more information about the proposed facility, call me at (320) 589-6421.

•FOOTBALL•

"Highly optimistic" is the best way to describe the feelings of second-year head coach John Parker. Coming off a 1-9 record for the 1996 season, Coach Parker looks to continue the process of revamping the program at UMM and bring it back to the successful levels of its past.

Returning players, offense and defense for 1997: runningback Germaine McFarlane, Hollywood, Fla., and quarterback Ryan Shea, Glenwood. A new face to the UMM offense could be runningback Charles Criner, Las Vegas, Nev. Heading up the offensive line will be tackle Ryan Setterstrom, Northfield, and center Shane Hudak, Vermillion.

Leading the defense will be returning starter Reshard Saulter, Boynton Beach, Fla., defensive end, and strong safety Tracy Barries, San Jose, Calif.

•GOLF•

Head coach Gary McGrath has announced the return of three players who were instrumental in the team winning the 1996 NSIC Tournament: Mitch Olson, senior, Fergus Falls;

Mark Moshier, senior, Little Falls; and Scott Shosted, sophomore, Paynesville. Olson finished third in the conference last fall.

Other players expected to compete for the top five positions are Justin Ogg, junior, Prior Lake; Paul Hinz, junior, Clitherall; Grant Swenson, sophomore, Buffalo; Josh Dahl, sophomore, Little Falls; Chris Bauck, sophomore, Pierre, S.D.; Mark Kurts, freshman, Pierz; Malcolm Gold, freshman, Staples; and Jerry Schommer, freshman, Madison.

The women's team should be more competitive this fall with a good mix of veteran and new players. Expected to lead the Cougars are Amber Neff, senior, Bemidji; Andrea VanEnglehoven, senior, West Fargo, N.D.; Paula Mack, junior, Deer River; Nicole Neu, junior, Richmond; Jana Bunjer, sophomore, Ivanhoe; Sarah Gravalin, sophomore, Park Rapids; Jessica Dietz, freshman, Graceville; Becky Lemm, freshman, Eagan; and Lindsay Niehoff, freshman, Osakis.

•VOLLEYBALL•

The women's volleyball team, under head coach Heather Hoehn, en-

The Game's the Thing



HOFFMAN (left) sets up a shot

It's a family tradition for Starbuck native Josie Hoffman

and sports as a good fit. Partly because both of her parents attended UMM, and because "I knew it was a really good school," she chose UMM to pursue her education. She views athletics as really important to her liberal arts education. "Athletics brings everyone together, whatever the sport. Students of all different majors come together." Bringing differences together is a pretty good definition of what a liberal arts education is all about, in Hoffman's view.

If Hoffman has one frustration, it is the stereotype surrounding female athletes. Although the number of women in athletics has grown, she says, the perception of women as serious athletes remains in the dark ages. "We take the game seriously; it's frustrating when people think we are just out there to 'play.'"

Hoffman received Rookie of the Year honors during her freshman year at UMM. She has been the recipient of Academic All-Conference honors in both volleyball and women's basketball.

Is there sports in Hoffman's future? Definitely. Following graduation next spring, she plans to attend graduate school in Minneapolis, using her child psychology major in the area of high school counseling...and, what else, coaching.

JUDY RILEY University Relations

Josie Hoffman bubbles all over when you ask her why she likes participating in sports.

Hoffman, a senior at UMM, and the daughter of Jim and Vicki (Schmidt) Hoffman of Starbuck, both UMM class of '71, was active in sports as far back as the third grade. "I played all through high school too — volleyball, basketball, and softball," said Hoffman. Now Hoffman is a varsity member of the UMM volleyball and women's basketball teams.

Hoffman credits her dad, himself an athlete, with getting her started. She also gives credit to her coaches, both past and current.

"Ted Hill and Dale Hanson, my coaches in Starbuck, had a great influence on me. And Coach Hoehn (Heather Hoehn, UMM head volleyball coach)...she's amazing! She really knows the game; I've improved a lot because of her."

Hoffman sees herself, UMM

Welcome to new coaches in the department of athletics

•Reni Mason

Assistant basketball coach/sports information director

•Peter Raeford

Assistant football coach/assistant sports information director

•Todd Hickman '85

Assistant football coach/equipment clerk

•Nick Parker

Assistant football coach

•Matt Johnson '97

Assistant volleyball coach

•Dominic Greenfield

Assistant athletic trainer

ters the 1997 season with expectations of building upon the success of the fall and spring of 1996. Behind the leadership of four seniors, Josie Hoffman, Starbuck; Erika Bailey, Williams; Anita Helmin, Foley; and Heather Kappes, Brainerd, the Lady Cougars plan on making a run for the conference title. Two-time all-conference outside hitter Baily and setter Hoffman will captain

Laura Lunderby, Watertown; Beth Ronning, Rapid City, S.D.; and Friendly Vang, St. Paul; will all compete for starting roles.

Incoming freshman Angela Bos, Edgerton; Allison Danner, Elk River; and Amy King, Plymouth; will vie for a role as outside hitters on the varsity squad. Julie Mudeking, a transfer from South Dakota State Univer-

Tracking the Cougars

the 1997 squad.

Rounding out the returning starters are Anne Townsend, Esko, and Ceci Sabol, Bloomington. Townsend, an all-conference middle hitter, not only led the Cougars, but was also an NSIC leader in both offensive and defensive categories.

Juniors Laura Higgins, Annandale; Laurie Plahn, Jasper; and Sarah Huschle, Thief River Falls, as well as sophomores Kristel Taubert, Pipestone; Natalie Zierden, Richmond;

sity should also compete for an outside hitting spot.

•WRESTLING•

The Cougars are coming off a 7-3 dual meet record and returning all of their starters from a year ago including four NCAA II Academic All-Americans. The incoming freshman class boasts eight recruits who have been to the state tournament 14

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These classnotes were compiled and edited by **Dawn Busch '97**, former student intern in the Office of Alumni Relations and **Vivian (Helbling) Heltemes '77**, director of alumni relations. Every effort is made to be accurate in communicating your updates. Without intending to change the content of your submissions, we reserve the right to edit your class note contribution due to space and cost limitations.

CLASS OF '65

Sharon (Barsness) Achter passed away June 22, 1997, in Rochester. She had been a special education teacher in in the Rochester Public Schools since 1973.

During July and August **Ken Kollodge**, Fairbanks, Alaska, had a showing of custom cibachrome photos at Site 250 Fine Art, also in Fairbanks.

Eunice Marie (Walter) Pederson and husband, Gary, have three children, two of whom are married, and one grandchild. She works as a social worker at Cass County Health and Human Services in Walker with persons who have special needs. She is also church choir director. Eunice and her family live near Laporte "in beautiful Kabekana Valley."

From San Antonio, Texas, **Barbara (Westberg) and Stuart Starner** gave us a career update. Barbara is a fourth grade teacher at North Side School District. Stuart is a fundraiser at the University of Texas in San Antonio.

CLASS OF '66

Maple Grove resident, **Romilly (Wilson) Cassida** writes, "Prudential downsized my entire department and I got a retirement package for 30 years of service. After a year of tying up loose ends, I'm off to Eastern Europe with the Peace Corps to teach ex-communists how to be good capitalists!"

CLASS OF '67

"After 30 years with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, I am retiring," writes **Jeannine (Gilbertson) Churchill**. She plans to complete her law degree at William Mitchell in St. Paul and then work in Elder Law.

CLASS OF '68

George Fougeron and his wife, **Cheryl (Hogy) Fougeron '71** returned to Morris in August for the Morris High School All-Class Reunion. George is vice president of U.S. operations for Dairy Queen. Cheryl is associated with Business Incentives, a travel awards company, and also runs a small medical claims business out of her home. They live in Mound.

Baseball coach **John Hellie** earned his 350th career victory when the Pierz Pioneers beat Onamia 11-1 in six innings. He is retiring at the end of this season, his 29th at Pierz.

Hudson, Wis. residents, **Curtis and Sandra (Guter) Larson '71** have two daughters, Erin, who graduated from

Wartburg College in Iowa, and Amanda, a freshmen in Montana. Curt has been running internships with UMM for several years in coordination with UMM chemistry professor, Nancy Carpenter. He works at 3M as a chemist senior research specialist.

Peggy Michels and **Pat Johnson** of St. Paul are organizing a statewide initiative called Active Citizenship co-convened by senate majority leader, Roger Moe, and Lieutenant Governor Joann Benson.

entering Bemidji State University this fall. Tom is the director of Dakota/Open Charter School in Morton.

Nancy (McPherson) and **Gale May** live in Ortonville. Nancy teaches 6th grade in Ortonville, and Gale teaches at Lac Qui Parle Valley High School. They have two sons. Shawn will be a senior at South Dakota State University, and Jim will be a senior at Ortonville High School.

Ronald Meiss is working with Dan

Ron lives in Leawood, Kan.

Donald Schmidt died May 8, 1997, in Phoenix, Ariz. He had retired from the U.S. Air Force and was a pilot for American Airlines.

Morris physician, **John Stock**, has changed the name of his medical practice from West Central Internal Medicine to Prairie Medical Associates.

CLASS OF '70

Michael and Judith (Walz) Kennedy '71 live in Mankato where Judith is an assistant property manager with Madison East Center Shopping Mall. Michael is an attorney at Kennedy and Kennedy Law Office, with their son, **Christopher M. Kennedy '92**.

CLASS OF '72

"In June, I was promoted to dean of alternative learning at College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Ill. College of DuPage is the largest community college in the country. I live in Lisle, Ill., with my three daughters," writes **Irene Kovala**.

Vicki (Ahrens) Perri is the director of continuing education at Rasmussen College. She lives in Plymouth.

Wanda (Kopel) and Stephen Rentz '70 live in North Mankato. Their son, Brian, is a freshman at UMM, and their daughter, Sara, a senior in high school, plans to attend UMM.

Nick Ripperger and his wife, Anne, have purchased the *Chokio Review* and the *Herman Review*. Nick had been news editor at the *Morris Sun-Tribune*.

CLASS OF '73

Attention Class of '73: Next year will mark our 25th graduation anniversary! There's talk of holding a reunion during Homecoming on October 16-17, 1998. Should we do it? What would you like to see on the schedule? Most important - what would it take to get you to show up for a fall weekend in Morris? Get in touch with **Dennis Gimmestad** at (612) 927-7763, 3638 Huntington Ave. S., St. Louis Park, MN 55416 or the Alumni Office at (320) 589-6066 with ideas or suggestions!

Frank Lawrence is the lab manager and technician at Vencor in Kansas City, Mo. He lives in Lee's Summit, Mo.

Peter Person is chief executive officer of St. Mary's/Duluth Clinic Health System. His wife, **Carol (Peterson)** is a 6th District Court Judge with chambers in Duluth. They have two children.

CLASS OF '74

Ronald Simmons is a teacher at City Inc., an alternative learning program in Minneapolis.

CLASS OF '76

Lee Felicetta is senior vice president and sales manager with Dain Bosworth Investment Services in Minneapolis.

Alumni Profile



RIPPERGER-ERICKSON Nick Ripperger '72 and his wife, Anne, have purchased the *Chokio Review* and *Herman Review* newspapers.

Alumni dominate area newshound scene

Judy Riley, *University Relations*

It seems that all the news that's fit to print and to put on the airwaves these days is being gathered, written and broadcast, at least in and around the Morris area, by alumni and friends of the University of Minnesota, Morris.

A glance at the pages of the *Morris Sun/Tribune* reveals several ties to UMM. As the county newspaper's owners, the Morrison name has long been associated with UMM. Edward J. Morrison was among the first to assume a leadership role in the movement to establish a liberal arts campus in Morris, and was one of the founders and a former president of the West Central Educational Development Association (WCEDA), an organization which continues to provide vital support for UMM.

•When, in 1979, the Morrison's son, Jim, assumed the role of the newspaper's publisher, a second generation of friends of UMM emerged. Jim's wife, **Elizabeth ('74)**, became a member of the newspaper's writing staff. In addition, she has assumed the role of co-chair of the revitalized WCEDA, currently in support of UMM's Morris Science Project.

•**Nick Ripperger ('72)** came on board as a staff writer at the *Morris Tribune* and continued in that capacity until July 1997, when he and his wife, Anne, purchased the *Chokio Review* and *Herman Review* newspapers. While at UMM, Ripperger was a member of the Morris Free Scouts, a story found on page 15 of this edition. Anne is a former UMM student.

•The newest member of the writing staff at the *Morris Tribune* is **Jason Lina ('97)**, Pengilly. A recent graduate of UMM, Lina was formerly a student writer in the Office of University Relations at UMM, and began his duties at the paper in August.

•**Sue Dieter ('86)**, **Deb (Driggins) Mattheis ('78)**, and **Milissa Bjorge ('91)** are three UMM graduates who work at the Morris sister radio stations, KMRS/KKOK. Dieter, an on-air personality, began working at the station through an internship while a senior at UMM. When a part-time position became available, she "spread her wings" as the station mascot of that era, the KKOK chicken. Mattheis has been with KMRS/KKOK about 19 years, serving in the sales department, and now as general manager of the station. Bjorge, a human services major while at UMM, began in the sales department in January 1996.

In addition, both **Troy Ackerman**, in the station's sales department, and on-air personality **Bill Eckerson** are former UMM students.

CLASS OF '69

Thomas Ellis of Franklin is finishing a master's in special education at Mankato State University. His oldest son, Mark, graduated from the University of Montana in 1995. Middle son, Ross, will be a senior at the University of Montana, and his youngest son, John, will be

Ruttiger (1993 movie "Rudy") in producing audio and video teaching programs for use in high schools, Little League, and Sunday schools. Rudy has a powerful message to teach young people of today...Never give up and don't make excuses. If anyone would like to order Rudy's book or teaching materials, call Ron at 913/663-1755.

Catching Up

Class Notes from University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni

Big Lake resident, **Bruce Novak**, is an elementary school principal in Monticello. He and his wife, Lois, have four children.

David O'Brien of Winona has been married for 17 years and has a 12 year-old son, Matt. David is a distribution clerk at the Winona Post Office.

"After seven years, all the legalities surrounding my industrial accident have finally been settled," writes **Melita Toon** of Bloomington. "I'm getting better at riding my horse with no hands and am still working with handicapped children."

CLASS OF '77

Kevin Nakagaki announces the adoption of his daughter, Erin, on April 2. He is a director/teacher at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry.

Gail Rixen, author of *Chicken Logic*, a chapbook of poems, was the winner of the 1996 Sidewalks Chapbook Contest. Gail farms in northern Minnesota.

CLASS OF '79

Al Anderson is the president of Dassel Sports and Marine, Inc. in Dassel.

Tim Hoelscher and wife, Maura, have adopted a son. Born on February 28, Ryan joins two siblings, Alex and Malena. Tim is the director of Sleep Center in Murfreesboro, Tenn. where they live.

Jon and Sheila (Nolte) Larson live in Duluth with their children, Steven and Amy. Jon is elementary principal in Proctor, and Sheila works at G.P.M. of Duluth.

CLASS OF '80

Rodman Abbott of Tracy, Calif., is a physicist at ABC Internet Consultants in Livermore.

Nancy Elias of Roseville writes, "I started doing cost accounting at Boyer Ford Trucks in Minneapolis in March 1996. In summer 1996, I traveled with the Twin Cities chapter of Sweet Adelines to Australia and New Zealand. In Sydney, we competed in the International Music Festival and received first place in competition. My next trip with the chorus is to Salt Lake City for the Sweet Adelines International Competition in October 1997."

For the past 17 years, **Steven Williams** has been a bus driver with Metropolitan Council Transport Operation. He lives in Minneapolis.

CLASS OF '81

Steven Vatndal shares, "Our family has moved to 529 East Hickory Street, Mankato. I am an attorney with Gislason, Dosland, Hunter, and Malecki, PLLP."

CLASS OF '82

Lynn (Ballard) Exsted is employed with Custom Research Inc. In 1996, the company won the Malcolm Baldrige

National Quality Award. Exsted was a member of the group representing CRI that received their award in a presentation by President Bill Clinton. Lynn lives in Glencoe.

Cindy Cleveland Hauri of Rochester tells us that one-year-old son, Matthew, "is as crazy as his parents." Cindy is working in out-patient psychiatry and as a psychiatrist for a long-term treatment center for chemically dependent women.

Mara McGinnis works in the field of environmental protection for the Illinois EPA. She and her husband, David Gambech, live in Springfield, Ill., with their daughter.

Maira Walsch has moved to Seoul, South Korea, and is working at Kon Kuk University. She has begun a masters in business management through Troy State University (Ala.) which is offered at the U.S. Army base.

CLASS OF '83

Kim (Wiese) and Jeffrey Entner '84 live in Phoenix. Kim is a kindergarten teacher in the Washington School District, and Jeff is an account specialist with BANC ONE.

Randy Kramer and his wife, Wendy, will not be able to attend Homecoming this year as "twin boys are due Oct. 30!" Randy is a financial adviser with American Express in Austin.

"My husband, Jay, and I announce the birth of our son, Benjamin, born on March 12. I am working as DP supervisor for Mark VII Distributors in St. Paul," writes **Christine (Rieke) Linser**.

Gary Meyer and his family of five say "hi" from Willmar. "Still crazy after all these years. Any news for me? Write to: 608 Richland Ave SW, Willmar, MN, 56201." Gary is a marketing director at Impact Plastics Advertising.

Jon Vick of Plymouth shares, "I am president and CEO of Mobilizers, Inc. I'm back flying again with **John Walsh '81**. My cockatoo Stella says 'hi' to **Chuck and Diane Nyhus Mitzel**. Also 'hi' to **Carol (Walker) Denny-Evert-Lloyd '84**."

Richard Welke, Boone, Iowa, is an environmental specialist. He has two girls, Elizabeth and Emily.

CLASS OF '84

Michael and Shelly (Reese) Gaffaney of Granite Falls have taught for 13 years. Michael is an elementary teacher for Yellow Medicine East in Granite Falls. Shelly teaches fifth grade at MACCRAY Public Schools in Maynard. Both are M.Ed. graduates of the University of Minnesota. They have two sons, Jordan and Kyle.

Thomas Hanson of Minneapolis is an instructor at Anoka Ramsey Community College. This past spring quarter he taught in Costa Rica.

CLASS OF '85

Karla (Pronk) and Charles Farrell have moved to Homewood, Ill. Karla is resource coordinator in the education department at Financial Federal Trust and Savings Bank.

David Frank and his wife, Deb, are expecting their first child. He is the assistant principal at Franklin Junior High in Brainerd.

CLASS OF '86

Julie and **Bart Hill** are proud parents of Brandon Ross, born June 20. They live in Madison.

Sonia Malingen is a special education teacher and coach at Pixley School. She lives in Tulare, Calif.

CLASS OF '87

Lisa (Lillie) Henze has taught first grade in Rochester the past 10 years. She is on "special assignment" for two years as clinical supervisor for Winona State University. Her responsibilities include being a supervisor for first-year teachers earning their master's degrees in elementary education and teaching in Rochester classrooms. Lisa also supervises student teachers. She and her husband, Brent, and their children, Amber and Dylan, live in Rochester.

Evelyn Hoover and **Jeff Sauve** are living in Northfield where Evelyn is managing editor of the *Northfield News*, and Jeff is supervising Carleton College's alumni directory project. They have a two year-old son named Holden.

Paul and Charlene (Hilbrand) LaGrange '89 announce the birth of their son, Andrew Calvin, who arrived January 17. They live in Maple Grove.

John McGaa is president and founder of 5R Research, a research and consulting firm working in environmental recycling and chemical processing. He was recently awarded a grant from the State of Minnesota to develop a new iron mining process.

Sarah (Holm) Smith has a daughter, Erika Ann. Sarah is an early childhood special education teacher in Willmar Public Schools.

CLASS OF '88

Danita Carlson and Brian Thyr are living in Hanover, N.H., with their son, Nicholas. They are expecting a second child in November. Danita is doing her internal medicine residency at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

Diana Hoganson is a scientist at Prizm Pharmaceuticals in San Diego. She is engaged to Mark Clement, a pharmaceutical scientist from Cheyenne, Wyo. The couple met while in graduate school in South Carolina.

Erik Jensen is an instrumental music teacher at Capital High School in Boise, Idaho. His wife, Lalani, is also a music teacher.

Joan Kahlert is teaching third and fourth graders in a special "structured

academics" program which stresses time on task, whole group instruction, and sequential learning. She lives in Poulsbo, Wash.

"Come late September, Kim and I are expecting our first child," writes **John Lee** of Indianapolis, Ind.

Maira Sweeting continues to teach business education at McArthur High School and is an adjunct professor at Miami Dade Community College. She lives in Miramar, Fla.

Cara (Nyvall) Thrane is an executive secretary for the men's division at Target. She and her husband have an 18 month old son, P.J. They live in Richfield.

Rick and Jacci (Hasvold) Van Surksun '90, and their daughter, Julia, have moved to Inver Grove Heights. Jacci is a benefits manager with Regis Corporation in Edina. Rick is a supervisor in the computer department of West Group in Eagan. Friends are welcome to contact them via e-mail at rick.vansurksun@westgroup.com.

CLASS OF '89

Shari Larson Clusiau and her husband, Paul, announce the January 14 birth of their daughter, Ellen Suzanne. Shari teaches social studies at the Nashwauk-Keewatin Elementary School. They live in Keewatin.

Nicholas Dean was born to **Michelle Renken Dressler** and her husband, Dean on May 16. They live in Blaine.

CLASS OF '90

Anne-Marie (Thuente) Giese and her husband, Brad, and son, Daniel, have moved to Hastings. After six years of teaching, she decided to be an at-home mom and is "loving it."

Dan Gray married Tracy Kleespie on June 28. Dan is employed at Automatic Data Processing in Minneapolis as a junior executive, and Tracy is a pilot for Mesaba Airlines. They live in Eagan.

Barbara Kuhlman is a housing manager at Concordia Arms Wilder Foundation. She lives in Eden Prairie.

Marlene (Hubbell) and Dean Larson live in Osseo. Dean is a credit analyst with GE Capital in Minneapolis. He also graduated with an MBA in finance from St. Thomas in May.

Marie Locke graduated from the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine and is engaged to a fellow veterinarian classmate, Greg Gramer. They will be practicing veterinary medicine near Nashville, Tenn.

Dana Nelson had a baby girl, Gabrielle Marie Schroeder, on January 21. Dana is a pathology resident/doctor at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinic. She and her family live in North Liberty, Iowa.

"My wife and I live in Lake City where I am a police officer," writes **Paul Wilson**. "We have four children and

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love southeast Minnesota bluff country."

CLASS OF '91

Patricia Berg is director of education at Associated Builders and Contractors. She lives in Eden Prairie.

Mitchell Paul was born to **Nicolle Braaten-Toso** and **Daryn Toso '90** on March 31. He joins brother, Trent, at their home in Battle Lake. Nicole is a legal advocate and coordinator of the Otter Tail County Intervention Project for the Region IV Council on Domestic Violence. Daryn is a program director for Prairie Community Services in Fergus Falls.

Shelly Hilk is a human resources manager with FMC Corporation. In May, she transferred to Prince George, British Columbia.

Susie Jamison lives in Orlando, Fla. She is doing improvisational comedy at Epcot Center with Disney and also does theater sports in downtown Orlando. Susie has been on Nickelodion's "Kenan and Kel."

Peter Kampen is a senior network analyst with West Publishing. His wife, **Jane (Flaschenriem) Kampen '92** is a branch operations supervisor at Norwest Mortgage. They live in Farmington.

Corey and Julia (Hoelmer) Quick announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Thomas, on May 24. They continue to live in a converted church in Good Thunder.

Lisa RedWing is enrolled in a graduate program through University College/Continuing Education and Extension at UMM. She lives in Sisseton, S.D.

Christie (Thorpe) Riegert completed her sixth year of teaching second grade in Cokato. In February, she and her husband, Ken, had their first child, daughter, Nicole.

CLASS OF '92

Mark and Lori (Lieser) Denn '93, live in Madelia. Mark works at Farmers State Bank, and Lori is at the accounting firm of Wolf Etter and Co. Their son, Jacob Mark, was born June 6.

David Flynn is a systems engineer at Mercury Interactive which provides enterprise solutions to automated software testing. David lives in Cottage Grove.

Melanie (Dahlin) Gillespie and her husband, Jerry, welcomed their first child, daughter Marina, on February 16. They live in Brandon, S.D.

Eric Haas and Heather McIntyre-Haas '93 live in Gretna, Neb. Heather is teaching at Brownell-Talbot, and Eric is enrolled in a doctoral program for chemistry at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Thomas Ian Howden was born to **Thomas Howden** and his wife, Kris, on April 13. The Howden family lives in Morris and throw the *best* post-Jazz page 8

Fest party this side of the Mississippi!

Wendy Kohnen is a police officer for the city of Eden Prairie.

St. Paul resident **Lynn Leitte** is a collections processing assistant at the Minnesota Historical Society.

"After living in Mora three years, my husband, Ted, and I moved to Elk River. I accepted a position as a planner in the city of Plymouth," writes **Kendra (Babin) Lindahl**.

Jane Malmkog is a customer service representative at First Bank. She lives in Fargo, N.D.

Joy Nielsen lives in Centralia, Ill. She became engaged to Michael Tessmer on Memorial Day, and they are planning to marry on July 4, 1998. Michael is a Ph.D. student in medicinal chemistry at the University of Minnesota.

Searching for a unique way to be of service while experiencing a different culture, **Christopher Schanus** joined the Global Volunteers service program in Texas. He spent 10 days helping migrant farm workers construct new homes in San Juan, a community in the Rio Grande Valley. Schanus, now living in Howard Lake, described the people with whom he worked: "We shared jokes and communicated our thoughts as best we could through a language barrier. I made friends that I will never forget."

Mark Shores shares, "In January, I began graduate work in library and information science at the University of Kentucky. I received an assistantship in the reference department, which means I spend 12 hours a week working the reference desk. When I finish in May, 1998, I hope to get a reference librarian position in an academic library. Before graduate school, I lived in St. Paul and worked for a company called QuikPage, which constructs home pages."

Cory and Juli (Yauch) Wagner welcome their daughter, Madison, who was born March 18. They live in Eagan. Cory continues to work at Northern Hydraulics and Juli at Grain Elevator and Processing Society.

CLASS OF '93

"My husband and I welcomed our first child, Ryan Mark, on April 10," writes **Shari (Rachel) Corcoran**. "We also bought our first home in February." They live in Coon Rapids.

Sarah Crawford writes, "I have completed a master of science degree at UMD. My emphasis was environmental biology and my minor was statistics." She is a lab coordinator/instructor at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter.

Valerie Koss writes, "Derek and I had our second child on March 29. Nicolas Lee joins his big sister, Rachel, who is two. I have been home during the last year taking care of Rachel and being the resident manager of the apartment complex in which we live in Buffalo. I am

also working on my master's degree through St. Mary's University and will be finished this summer."

Randy Langenfeld married Heidi VanDesteeg on May 3. He is employed with IKOM Office Solutions Service Support Center. The couple lives in Inver Grove Heights.

William McDonald received the M.D. degree from Mayo Medical School on May 17. He will begin his postgraduate training in pathology at the University of California, San Francisco.

"Brian and I live in Benson. I teach kindergarten and coach junior high volleyball and basketball. Brian is a 4-H extension educator in Swift County," writes **Julie (Rueckert) McNeill**.

Mindi Nelson is an analytical chemist at 3M Pharmaceuticals in St. Paul.

Robbie Thompson and his wife, Malinda, live in Phoenix, Ariz., where he manages a collection agency. They are expecting their first child in November.

Doug Wandersee is earning a master's degree in College Student Personnel Administration at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

CLASS OF '94

Laura Adams is a crew supervisor with the Forest Service in Cordova, Alaska. "My free time has been spent kayaking, backpacking, and I ran my first 'Salmon Run' half-marathon. I will be moving to Anchorage this fall to begin a masters program in counseling psychology."

Rachel (Peden) and Robert Folsom '93 moved to San Diego, Calif. Robert is a portfolio/fixed income manager at United Services of America Federal Credit Union. Rachel is a first grade teacher in the Cajon Valley School District.

Glenn Longie plans to pursue a masters degree in Public Health from Northern Arizona University. He is a social science analyst with the U.S. Public Health Service and the Director of Navajo Health in Winslow, Ariz.

Joseph and Cindy (Cebulla) Luhman bought a hobby farm in Maple Plain. Cindy is an accountant for Copeland Buhl and Co., and Joe is a software engineer for IN Marketing, both in Wayzata.

Last year, **Maypakou Ly** was appointed as issue liaison to the St. Paul Office of U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone. She lives in Minneapolis.

Angela (Mahlberg) McLaughlin has married **Patrick McLaughlin**. "We're looking forward to moving from Milwaukee (Wis.), where I work in student activities and Pat programs computers, to LaCrosse so I can do the grad school thing."

Jon Rasmussen is in his last year of the Doctor of Pharmacy program at South Dakota State University. He has started

pharmacy clerkships and, over the course of the year, will work throughout the state.

Jocelyn (Dignan) Sloan announces the birth of her second child, Jonah Mark, born on April 23. She is a geographer with Navigation Technologies. The Sloan family lives in West Fargo, N.D.

Hildreth (Twostars) Venegas received the "Spirit of Dakota" award. Given by the state of S.D., the award recognizes women with leadership, courage, and strength of character. Only one woman receives it each year. Hildreth is the first Native American woman to receive the award. Congratulations! Hildreth teaches at the Sisseton Wahpeton Community College and also does public speaking about improving communication and understanding attitudes and relationships between Indians and non-Indians.

Jon and Heather (Dunn) Wright '95 were married in December 1996. Heather graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in June and Jon is teaching fourth grade at Triton Elementary in West Concord. They live in Mantorville.

CLASS OF '95

Roseville resident, **Lina Becker** is a program administrator with the Metropolitan Council in St. Paul.

Kathi (Backman) Biesterfeld and her husband, Walter, became parents of a son, Riley, on January 8. Kathi is assistant office manager at Morris Ag-Energy, and Walter owns Image Electronics in Morris.

Brian Cooper is a teacher assistant at German-American School of Portland (Ore.).

Sara Jean Dunlap lives in Prescott, Ariz., and is a behavioral health teacher in a treatment center for girls.

Angie Gronlund and Eric Doty were married June 7. Angie is a music teacher at Shakopee Public Schools. They live in Champlin.

Arnold James serves as a corrections officer in Appleton. He assists as UMM track and football coach, and participates in the National Guard.

Lisa (Krosch) Johnson is the activity director at the Villa of St. Francis in Morris.

Kristine (Yakesh) Niznik writes, "Shawn and I announce the birth of our son, Austin, on April 25. We also bought a house in Brooklyn Center. I'm working as a purchasing assistant for Jesco Industrial Supplies and coaching the cheerleading teams at Brooklyn Center High School."

Jeffery Robinson is pursuing a master's degree at the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

Ann Streed serves as the alternative program coordinator for Morris Area Schools. In addition, she is pursuing teaching licensure at UMM.

Juan Jose Trevo is in his third year at the Southern California College of Optometry. He lives in Fullerton.

Jen (Olmsted) and Kevin Trujillo '94 were married in April and live in Shakopee. Kevin graduated in 1996 from St. Cloud State University with a degree in physical education and coaching and is employed at Ron Clark Construction. Jen is a fourth grade teacher with Eden Prairie School District.

Amy (Middendorf) Voigt teaches junior high math and physical education and coaches volleyball and basketball at Maple Lake High School. She and her husband, Roger, farm near Eden Valley. "I miss my UMM friends. Please e-mail me: avoigt@maplelake.k12.mn.us."

Sheila Williams writes, "Faline had her first ballet recital and won a local modeling contest. Hailey is also doing very well." Sheila is an administrator with Minnesota Public Interest Research Group and lives in Minneapolis.

CLASS OF '96

Mario Anchondo is the Hennepin Community outreach coordinator for the American Cancer Society and lives in Eagan.

Erika Christensen lives in Palmdale, Calif., and is an elementary school teacher at Keppel Union School District.

Mark George is with the Peace Corps in Morocco for two years. He plans to attend the University of Minnesota Medical School starting in 1999.

On April 18, **Cory Hanna** attended Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base and has been commissioned as a second lieutenant. He is stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base

in Calif.

Amy Johnson of Ashby is a first grade teacher for West Central Area Schools in Kensington.

Michael Nelson and **Janell Kiel** are planning to be married in June 1998. Mike is starting his second year of medical school at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Janell is office manager for Vanderbilt Medical Center Department of Volunteer Services.

Sara Rose and **Tim Stai** are planning a June 1998 wedding. Sara is attending the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine and Tim works in the physical therapy department of Bethesda Lutheran Care Center in South St. Paul.

Mary Thompson is working on a master's in communications at Wichita State University. Her daughter just turned four.

Zuhazaid Tuan Harith asked that we share his new address: 525 Ke Gong Serapat, Pasir Puteh, Kelantan, Malaysia, 16800.

Richard Ventura is engaged to UMM student **Maureen Marsollek '98**. "I am finishing my first year of grad school in history at Saint Cloud State University and am starting officer candidate school for the National Guard."

CLASS OF '97

Todd Hanson was named to the United States Achievement Academy All-American Scholar Team. Todd was a UMM basketball standout from Duluth.

Laura Raeder lives in Junction City, Kan. "I have my dream job: head debate coach. I am excited for my first year of teaching."

An "Agri-Cultural Combine"

Alumni add creative heat to annual Iron Pour

JUDY RILEY University Relations

Ten UMM alumnae were participants in the Third International Iron Pour held in Herman this past summer. Billed by the organizers as an "Agri-Cultural Combine," the event is designed to involve a diverse group of people in collaborating, breaking, melting and pouring iron to produce cast metal sculpture.

UMM alumni artists who participated with more than 75 other men and women from around the world were Gary Wahl, '93; Anne Barber, '94; Jill Eckhof, '94; Susan Foster-Zdon, '95; Angela Behrends, '95; Jason Jaglo, '93; Tim Cleary, '90; Jess Larson, '92; Ray Strand, '74; and David Fluegel, '97.

The UMM contingent made patterns of wax, encased the wax in a mold, melted the wax out, and took the molds to Herman. The community component entered not only in the combined effort to produce the melted metal, but in a metal sculpture — this year, a fire ring — that will remain in Niemackl Park as a permanent reminder of this year's pour. A sundial and a sculpture near the park's entrance are evidence of past iron pours. Approximately 60 to 70 sculptures will be made by individual artists the day of the pour.

The iron pour incorporated three furnaces, capable of reaching temperatures of up to 3000 degrees Fahrenheit, to melt more than two tons of iron.

A participant for all three years, University of Minnesota, Morris professor of studio art Jenny Nellis was enthusiastic about her role as a member

of the Iron Pour Steering Committee and, on the day of the event, her role as "mold captain." The pour is one of many community events to take place during Niemackl Lake Park Days, said Nellis. "For artists, casting metal is a community project; one can't do it alone. There are too many tasks, the iron is too heavy."

Nellis compared the pour to a "quilting bee." Creating the idea, the pattern, and the mold is an individual activity for the artist. Melting the metal and pouring it into the mold is done as a group activity.

The event is a collective effort by the College of Visual Arts, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, University of Minnesota campuses at Minneapolis and Morris, and the Herman Development Corporation.

In Memoriam

Word has been received regarding the deaths of UMM alumni, staff, students and friends. We remember their lives with joy and mourn their passing with sadness.

Sharon Achter '65 Sharon grew up in Starbuck and was a history major who went on to receive her master's degree in special education. At the time of her death, she had nearly completed her doctoral degree in educational psychology at the U of M, Twin Cities campus. She was a special education teacher with the Rochester

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Pending projects prompt reorganization in Alumni, Fund Development positions

VIVIAN (HELBLING) HELTEMES '77 Alumni Relations

Lobbying for the Morris Science Project and the pending University of Minnesota (including UMM) Capital Campaign pose enormous challenges for UMM both in the immediate future and over the next several years. In light of these circumstances, reorganization has taken place in the Alumni Relations and Fund Development Offices.

This re-organization reflects the desire to bring new energy to these respective areas.

Maddy Maxeiner, '76, has coordinated and directed alumni relations since 1981. Her strategic planning and organizational development skills make her an excellent candidate to assist the chancellor in leading the West Central Educational Development Association and UMM alumni, parents and students in the legislative lobbying effort for the Morris Science Project. Those same skills are important to developing UMM's case for a major fundraising

effort during the Capital Campaign. Maxeiner completed her master's degree in philanthropy and development from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona this past summer. She will continue as assistant to the chancellor for external affairs, and assume the role of director of fund development.

Vivian (Helbling) Heltemes, '77, has been director of fund development since returning to UMM in 1990. Her 13 years of experience in alumni relations and fundraising at the University of Montana and Washington State University fit well into working with the UMM Alumni Association Board of Directors, Minority Student Program Alumni Association, Class Agents, and the West Central School of Agriculture Alumni Association. She will retain some of her development duties, particularly with those individuals with whom she has established a close working relationship, and with scholarship donors. Heltemes will serve as director of alumni relations and associate director of fund development.

Catching Up

To submit an item for *Catching Up*, just fill out this form and send it to: Judy Korn, Alumni Relations, UMM, Behmler Hall, Morris, MN 56267.

Let us hear from you! Next *Catching Up* deadline is November 1.

If we create an Alumni Relations Class Notes website:

☐ Yes, include mine ☐ No, do not include mine.

Name(s) _____

Class(es) of _____ Did you graduate? Yes _____ No _____

Note: _____

Alumni Network Interests (please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> alumni phonathons | <input type="checkbox"/> legislative efforts for UMM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> serving on Alumni Association Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> serving as a Class Agent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> organize geographic network and social events in my area | <input type="checkbox"/> assisting in admissions efforts |

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J. EDGAR HOOVER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT Robert Wottreng of Rochester is the recipient of a \$2,500 J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Scholarship. Wottreng is shown second from right, along with (l-r) UMM Chancellor David Johnson, Wottreng's fiancé, Karen Graupman, and North Central Regional vice president Al Heffernan. Presentation of the check was made in July at the Minnesota chapter, Former Special Agents, FBI, Inc. meeting.

Number is highest in several years

UMM students accepted to McNair Scholars Program

Five UMM students were selected to participate in the McNair Scholar Program summer research internship, named for U.S. space shuttle Challenger astronaut Ronald E. McNair, one of seven crew members killed in the shuttle's explosion. UMM students Tanisha Davis, Alonzo Myers, Sara Gauff, Simon Shannon, and Ronald F. Morris are among 24 students selected from public or private colleges nationwide, the highest number of UMM students selected in several years.

McNair Scholar students must be from families that meet Department of Education guidelines for minority and low-income students of all ethnicity's where neither parent has completed a four-year college degree. Students are selected from several colleges and universities including Florida A&M, Spelman and Morehouse Colleges (both of Atlanta, Ga.), Carleton, St. Olaf, Chicago State, Macalester, and University of Minnesota, Morris, Duluth and Twin Cities campuses.

The obvious goal of the program is to enhance the academic achievement of low-income first generation college students. Not so obvious, however, is the program's goal to increase the number of low-income and minority students who earn doctoral degrees and ultimately become college and university professors.

The McNair Scholars Program is an opportunity for students to get hands-on research experience with senior faculty often spearheading new areas of knowledge. The program also prepares students for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Students will attend seminars to learn strategies for selecting, applying to and seeking funds for graduate schools, and writing personal statements.

Ronald E. McNair grew up in poverty, with a dream of becoming an astronaut. He graduated from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in physics. He earned a doctoral degree at MIT, and became known as an expert in the field of laser physics. Two years later, he realized his dream after being chosen from a pool of 10,000 applicants for the space shuttle program.

McNair, the second African-American to fly into space, is characterized by Beth Olivares, director of the Ronald F. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, as "...fearless,

determined, and accustomed to applying all available resources to any problem he faced." In acknowledgment of dedication to the promotion of high standards of achievement and opportunity that McNair exemplified, Congress approved funding in 1990 for the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program.

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times, placing in the top five positions a total of seven times.

Men's recruiting class

Eric Bramos, Mason, Mich., 118; Jesse Cisneros, Lake Station, Ind., 126; Gavin Manley, Dowagiac, Mich., 142; Matt Sloneker, Watertown, 142; Sam Gunlogson, Clarkfield, 150; Wesley Woodrome, Miami, Fla., 158; Shaun Girard, Albany, 167; Tim Knott, Morrison, Colo., heavyweight.

The women's program, which has University National Champion credentials and has twice been U.S. Women's National runnerup, adds six incoming freshmen to a roster that has accumulated 13 All-American certificates. Two of the new recruits are members of the U.S. Women's National Wrestling Team.

Women's recruiting class

Tina George, South Euclid, Ohio, 123.25; Cassie Inman, Rochelle, Ill., 136.5; Iris Smith, Albany, Ga., 149.75; Dominique Smalley, Iowa City, Iowa, 165.25.

The women's wrestling team will take on the national teams from Denmark and the Czech Republic on October 17 in Meadville, Pa. (near Pittsburgh) in international dual meet competition. The following day, they will compete in the Keystone Women's Open.

•On the Sidelines•

Cougar head football coach **John Parker** has been named to the Black Coaches Association National Football Coaches Advisory Board and as District VI representative for the B.C.A. Parker was also selected as a member for the American Football Coaches Association Division II All-American Selection Committee.

Doug Reese, Cougar head wrestling coach, was elected to USA Wrestling's International Exchange

CAC Performing Arts Committee receives grants

The UMM Campus Activities Council Performing Arts Committee has announced that it was among a select group of Midwest presenters chosen to receive 1997-98 Arts Midwest Performing Arts Touring Fund grants. The awards will support upcoming performances of the Montana Repertory Theatre's production of "To Kill a Mockingbird," and Afro-Brazilian dance by DanceBrazil. Both performances will be a part of the 1997-98 Performing Arts Series season at UMM.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" will be presented in February, and DanceBrazil performance is scheduled for April, both in 1998. The Montana Repertory Theatre will also present a workshop for area theater enthusiasts on set construction and design. DanceBrazil will present a workshop on "capoeira," a movement/martial arts and percussion art form for area martial arts students and other interested residents.

The Performing Arts Touring Fund is a program of Arts Midwest, a regional arts organization which provides funding, conferences, publications, and services to Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The program helps presenters of music, theater, opera, and dance introduce professional artists from outside their state to local audiences. Arts Midwest received 170 applications for the 1997-98 season, of which 125 received funding for a total of \$318,922 of funds designated.

Sandra LeBlanc-Boland, Arts Midwest Funding program manager, said, "UMM's Campus Activities Council Performing Arts Committee is to be commended for their commitment to serving their community with these distinctive events. Audiences in West Central Minnesota will have the opportunity to see the exciting work of these two groups, many for the first time, and Arts Midwest is proud to help support this work and the Performing Arts Committee."

Arts Midwest is a regional organization which provides funding, training, and publications to individuals and organizations in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Arts Midwest enables individuals and families throughout America's heartland to share in and to enjoy the arts and cultures of our region and the world. Based in Minneapolis, the organization works in partnership with private and public arts supporters, including corporations, foundations, the region's nine state arts agencies, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Performing Arts Touring Fund is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information on the UMM Performing Arts Series, call the UMM Office of Student Activities, (320) 589-6080. (See Performing Arts story, page 14.)

Committee. Reese has published two articles, *The Complete Coach*, Summer 1997/Vol. 3 No. 1, "Starting a Women's Wrestling Program," and *The Mining Company-Amateur Wrestling*, July 1997, "Women's Wrestling: A New Look at the Future of Our Sport."

Former Cougar head football coach **Al Molde** has been named director of athletics at Gustavus Adolphus College.

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schools. Sharon died of complications of cancer on June 22 at the age of 55.

Rick Lucken, '77, died on July 15 as the result of injuries in an automobile accident near Morris. Rick grew up in Morris, graduating from Morris High School in 1966, and from UMM. He operated Lucken Mobil Service in Morris from 1978 through 1994. He was superintendent of the Pomme de Terre Golf Course for seven years, and was assistant superintendent of the Benson Golf Course at the time of his death.

Winston Close, one of the pioneers of modern architecture, died June 15 in Minneapolis. He was 91. From 1950 to 1971, Close served as advisory architect for the University of Minnesota. In that capacity, he oversaw planning for the Morris campus, the Duluth campus, and major West Bank campus expansion on the Minneapolis campus. He was also behind the idea of the double-decker Washington Avenue Bridge across the Mississippi River.

John Fletcher, former UMM

employee in campus security, died in July, following an illness. He had retired in 1992 as dispatcher for the Stevens County Sheriff's Department, due to poor health.

Janie Rae (Dop) Mannick, '75, died on April 30, 1996, after a six-year battle with breast cancer. Janie's sister, Holly A. Mann, '77, writes: "Following graduation from UMM, (Janie) served as Admissions counselor for UMM, and eventually moved to Minneapolis, where she married her husband, John Mannick. They had three daughters. Janie always had a smile on her face, and found the good in every person and situation she endeavored. She will be missed dearly by all who knew her. We, the family, would like to thank everyone for your love, prayers and support you gave during Janie's illness, and especially after her death. We still grieve a great deal for her. For those of you who are just learning of her death, and would like to contact the family, please write or call: Holly A. Mann, 8 Ridgely Road, Montgomery, IL 60538, (630) 892-8749."

Mark Strege '99, Lake Elmo, died in August as the result of an automobile accident. Mark worked as a graphic artist in the Office of Student Activities, and in that capacity for several other campus units.

On-line college courses available through University College, Morris campus

Using World-Wide Web technology, the GenEdWeb program through University College at the University of Minnesota, Morris offers a set of courses that fulfill general education requirements and/or elective courses for undergraduate degree programs. General Education for the Liberal Arts On-line is ideal for individuals who do not have regular access to on-campus collegiate instruction and is available at any location in the world with access to the Web. Each course is limited to 20 students and emphasizes interaction among faculty and students. All courses come from the curriculum and faculty of UMM, a public liberal arts institution with a nationally-recognized reputation for excellence.

Three semester-based courses will be offered beginning October 6, 1997:

- American Government and Politics
- Comparative Education
- Introduction to Statistics

Three additional courses will be offered spring semester, beginning February 2, 1998:

- College Writing
- Literature and Culture of French-speaking Africa and the Caribbean
- Classical, Romantic and 20th Century Music

By next year, at least 10 courses will be available to assure that students can complete the general education requirements of public colleges in Minnesota. Each course is a semester in length and earns four credits toward a degree program at colleges in Minnesota and throughout the U.S.

Development of the courses and programming were made possible by financial support from the Distance Education Council and the Program Innovation Fund, both of University College, and the UMM Office of Academic Affairs.

For more information contact Karen Johnson at 1-800-842-0030 or visit the GenEdWeb home page at: <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/genedweb/>.

Simply Computer Science

The Computer Science (CS) discipline had a wonderful year, 1996-97, culminating with the graduation of 20 majors in the spring. Thirty percent of the UMM honors graduates were from Computer Science as were 25 percent of the prestigious UMM Scholar of the College Awards.

The following conference presentations were made by CS students during the spring: (names of students bolded)

- **Colin Sweeney**, Alan Olness, Dian Lopez, **Jason Cordes**, and W.B. Voorhees, "A Model for Predicting Leaching of Nitrate-Nitrogen in Soil," Eleventh National Conference on Undergraduate Research, April 24-26, 1997, Austin, Texas.
- **Craig Wilcox**, "Genetically Engineering Virtual Racecar Drivers," Pi Mu Epsilon Undergraduate Research Conference, St. Johns University, April 4-5, 1997.

The following students had internships (most this summer):

- **Amy Gingrich** - Dartmouth College, (NSF summer research grant, 1997)
- **Monique Knierim** - IBM, Rochester (6 months, summer-fall, 1997)
- **Deron Greenwaldt**, American Financial Security, Inc (spring, 1997), Morris
- **Joe Cooley**, College Pro Painting (spring, summer, 1997), St. Cloud
- **Joleen Wulf**, ARS, Morris (spring, summer, 1997) - with Steve Wagner
- **Kevin Johnson**, Computech Technical Services, Virginia (summer, 1997)
- **Matt Kiffmeyer**, Alliance Technical Services, Eden Prairie, (summer, 1997)
- **Dominic Orella**, Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning, St. Paul (summer, 1997)
- **Craig Wilcox**, Unisys, Minneapolis, MN (summer, 1997)
- **Nick Hopper** - Andersen Consulting, Minneapolis (summer, 1997)
- **Brent Heeringa** - Andersen Consulting, Minneapolis (summer, 1997)
- **Lisa Martin** - City of Minneapolis

(summer, 1997)

- **Lora Martin** - Berkeley Holding Systems, Luverne (summer, 1997)
- **Adrian Daley** - IBM, Rochester (6 months, summer-fall, 1997)
- **Ryan Benke** - Andersen Consulting, Minneapolis (summer, 1997)
- **Barbara Baratto** - Minnesota Department of Children, Families & Learning, St. Paul (summer, 1997)
- Honors Awards:** Lisa Hollermann, Dan Keller, Craig Wilcox
- Scholar Awards:** Lisa Hollermann, Kris Nelson, Keith Vertanen, Craig Wilcox.

The following students are beginning graduate school this fall:

- **Lisa Hollermann** - Iowa State University
- **Dan Keller** - Iowa State University
- **Colin Sweeney** - University of Minnesota
- **Keith Vertanen** - Oregon State University
- **Craig Wilcox** - University of Washington

Ford Global Scholar Awards given to faculty

Seven faculty members at the University of Minnesota, Morris have been selected to receive Ford Global Scholar Awards, which are used to prepare permanent courses for the UMM curriculum. Each course, whether new or a revision of an existing course, will be designed to have a significant international dimension.

Faculty recipients and course titles are Fred Peterson, *Ancient and Medieval Art*; Peter Whelan, *Exploiting the Global Commons: Earth Resources, Development, and Conflict in the Non-Western World*; Jean Richards, *Romantic and Modern Music (also impacting Core Studies III: Music from the Middle Ages to 1700 and Core Studies III: Baroque and Classical Music)*; Paula O'Loughlin, *Women and Politics Worldwide*; Tom Turner, *Maria en*

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When you wish upon a STAR...

The UMM Disability Services office now has equipment available for blind, visually impaired and persons with learning disabilities to access print materials. With the benefit of a STAR grant, the office has purchased and installed a computer, scanner and closed circuit television technology for enlarging print to serve, at no charge, the west central region of Minnesota.

CCTVs are designed to enlarge printed material for people who have low vision and can no longer comfortably use glasses or special lenses to read regular size print.

The computer is a Pentium-166, with 8x CD-ROM, 21-inch monitor, and color scanner. A screen reader allows visually impaired individuals access to the information displayed on the office's Windows based computer screens. A screen magnifier allows visually impaired individuals access to the display of word processors, spreadsheets, databases, on-line services, and more. A program that works in con-

junction with an optical scanner — Omni 1000 — allows blind, visually impaired and learning disabled individuals access to typeset and typewritten material by converting it into spoken English.

STAR, an acronym for System of Technology to Achieve Results, is a program of the Governor's Advisory Council on Technology for People with Disabilities/STAR program, funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research under the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1988 as amended, P.L. 103-218.

An open house to demonstrate the equipment was held in May.

For further information call Nancy South, Disability Services, at (320) 589-6178.

Mexico: Cultural and Native Language Materials for Intermediate Spanish; Beth Cherne, *World Theatre History and Literature I and II*; Mary Elizabeth Bezanson, *Topics in Freedom of Speech: The Right to Communicate Around the World—Constitutional Provisions, Legal Protections, Domestic Problems*.

In addition, an interdisciplinary course award has been given to three UMM faculty and two students.

All of the awards were presented as part of the collaborative grant from The Ford Foundation, given to UMM and Concordia College to de-

velop global and international curriculum at both institutions. UMM and Concordia applied for the grant in a public-private partnership to take advantage of each school's strengths and similarities. The institutions share a commitment to the liberal arts and international study, and have similar student bodies.

The grant project is being coordinated at UMM by Tap R. Payne, associate professor of theatre arts, and at Concordia by Ronald Twedt, assistant professor of business and economics.

Activism at its best

UMM is ranked as activist campus by *Mother Jones*

In a unique listing of "The Top 10 Activist Campuses," the University of Minnesota, Morris ranks fourth. So says *Mother Jones*, one of the country's oldest investigative magazines.

The article, which begins on page 19 of the September/October 1997 issue of the magazine says: "Though not noted specifically for its on-campus activism, this Midwestern school has been lauded as a model for diversity — surprising for a campus in a largely white rural area of Minnesota...Morris boasts students who are committed to advocacy for people with disabilities, minorities, and gays and lesbians. It also has a minority graduation rate (39 percent) that's significantly higher than the national average (26 percent)."

"I wasn't surprised," said UMM Chancellor David Johnson in an article by Minneapolis *Star Tribune* staff writer Bill McAuliffe (Friday, Sept. 5 Metro/State section, page one). Johnson continued that UMM, founded as an Indian boarding school, has the highest proportion of students of color (14 percent) of any University of Minnesota campus. The *Star Tribune* article also cites junior biology student

Helene Sherley, who, with Johnson, praised the UMM student body for "activism" in campus organizations, tutoring and community service.

Mother Jones ranks UMM with first-timers Mount Holyoke, South Hadley, Mass.; University of Massachusetts, Amherst; New School for Social Research, New York, N.Y.; and University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; and repeaters. In addition to UMM sources, groups polled for the article include Amnesty International, Habitat for Humanity, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, National Organization for Women, Peace Corps, United States Student Association, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, among others.

Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, Rodney Oto, said, "We're pleased to be listed at the top of schools where students are concerned about what's going on around them and show it. It is quite appropriate for a public liberal arts college to promote diversity, involvement and a social conscience among the future leaders of our country."

Bill Stewart honored as INROADS Educator of the Year

JUDY RILEY University Relations

Bill Stewart received an education in higher learning even before he entered college. The challenges he experienced as a young African-American male trying to pursue an education formed the foundation for the direction he wanted his life to take: he wanted to become an educator and help young minority students get a quality education.

Now, after serving nearly 24 years as director of the Minority Student Program at the University of Minnesota, Morris, and anticipating his own retirement in June 1998, Stewart has been honored as Educator of the Year by INROADS/Minneapolis-St. Paul Inc. The award, presented at the organization's 18th annual recognition banquet in August, came as a complete surprise to Stewart.

"I didn't know about it. I feel privileged to have received the award," said Stewart. "It is an honor to have been a part of contributing to our student advancement at UMM."

A national program, whose mission is "to develop and place talented minority youth in business and industry and prepare them for corporate and community leadership," INROADS had been partnered with UMM for all of the organization's 18 years in Minnesota.

"When I first started (at UMM)," recalls Stewart, "I intended to recruit students both locally and nationally." Stewart has made a variety of valuable contacts over the years with programs and agencies such as INROADS. These contacts had one common purpose — to extend UMM's outreach and to help students of color receive a quality education.

"An education doesn't end at the institution," said Stewart. He has nurtured the contacts he has made throughout his UMM tenure, and he counts as among the important programs for students of all ages, those which INROADS provides.

A former St. Paul Model Cities executive director and executive director of the Model Inner City Community Organization in Washington, D.C., Stewart has served as co-coordinator, with UMM chemistry professor Joseph Latterell, of the former Project SEE (Summer Educational Experience) program at UMM. Both Stewart and Latterell were recognized by the late Minnesota Governor Rudy Perpich for their "commitment to quality education and for their efforts to continuously improve mathematics and science programs at the elementary and secondary level."

Under the directorship of Stewart, the Minority Student Program staff at UMM coordinates the annual summer Gateway Program, which focuses on the recruitment, retention and graduation of students of color at UMM. The program prepares minority students for a higher level of learning through a challenging summer program which includes an umbrella course in math, computers, writing, workshops and recreational activities.

Out of the dream of INROADS founder, the late Father Frank C. Carr, who attended the "I Have a Dream" speech of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the INROADS organization has survived and prospered nationally for 26 years. Over 5,900 interns currently can pursue their dreams, and 6,500 alumni are making a difference throughout the world.

Also honored at the August banquet were UMM students of color who have completed INROADS internships: Steve Turner, Waubesa, St. Paul Companies; Tanya Taylor, Mendota Heights, Mayo Clinic; Courtney Aitken, Bemidji, Super Valu, Inc.; and Jenny Koenigs, Benson, Prudential Insurance Company of America. Aitken and Koenigs were two of 12 interns selected to attend the National Indian Education Association Conference November 2-6 in Tacoma, Wash.

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the First International/Eleventh National MELUS Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii in April. The conference, sponsored by The Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literature of the U.S., featured writers Sandra Cisneros, Linda Hogan and Albert Wendt, as keynote speakers.

The **Greg Thorsons** shared the news of the birth of their daughter, Allyson Marjorie, born May 22. Greg is an assistant professor in political science.

Barbara Burke, assistant professor of speech communication, participated in the 47th annual conference of the International Communication Association held in Montreal in May. She presented a paper, titled "The Symbolic Construction of Russia and the United States on Russian National Television."

Jennifer Dose, assistant professor of management, presented a paper, titled "The Effect of Work Values and Work Values Similarity on Team and Leader-Member Exchange" at the Society for Industrial/Organizational Psychology Annual Meeting.

Professor of psychology **Eric**

Klinger was cited in the July 1997 issue of *Mademoiselle*. An article, titled "Field of Daydreams," says: "Although the average episode lasts a mere 14 seconds, daydreams play a significant role in your consciousness: Eric Klinger, Ph.D., a psychologist at the University of Minnesota (we add 'Morris'), estimates that they occupy 30 to 40 percent of our waking lives."

A letter to the editor from **Sam Schuman**, vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean, was included in the May 1997 issue of *Publications of the Modern Language Association*.

"A/lure," recent work by studio arts faculty **Jess Larson**, was displayed at the A.R.C. Gallery in Chicago in July.

History professor **Bert Ahern** has recently had an article, "An Experiment Aborted: Returned Indian Students in the Indian School Service, 1881-1908," published in *Ethnohistory*, 44 (spring 1997), pp. 263-304.

Executive secretary to the chancellor, **Rebecca Webb**, along with UMM student **Bill Fletcher** and alumni **Sam Stein**, '97, were cast members in the Glenwood Showstopper's summer performance of "Crazy for You."

Associate professor of education **Gwen Rudney** is among a panel of

Henjum Institute nurtures creative study

Sixty-five students representing 20 schools enhanced their school year education by participating in the Henjum Institute for Creative Study this summer at UMM. While participants are generally from the west central Minnesota area, there were also students this year from Wisconsin and Illinois.

In its 24th year, the Institute offers high school students, grades 7-12, a chance for expanded study in the areas of science, theater, creative writing, web pages, raku, jazz band, and video production.

"They love learning with other students who share similar interests," said Karen Ellis, coordinator of the Institute. "Students really connect with youth from other areas, and make friendships that continue beyond the final class day."

30 Minnesotans from various education interests who will select the Minnesota Teacher of the Year. Announcements of the selection will come on October 12, when all nominees are recognized for their contributions to education in Minnesota.

Former theater professor **George Fosgate** writes from Portland: "I've been busy here in the past year. On stage, I have played Dr. Chebutykin in Chekhov's 'The Three Sisters,' the Professor in Ionesco's 'The Lesson,' and two roles in 'No Time for Sergeants.' For TV, I had a principal role in an industrial video for U.S. Bank, and a principal role in an episode of 'Strange But True' for London Weekend TV. Now, I am about to start on a really major 'stage' role -- Father Mark (the Priest) in the Hay City Theatre/Portland company of 'Tony 'N Tina's Wedding...' Show officially opens October 1, five shows a week, Wednesday through Saturday. Friends, students, colleagues from Minnesota -- come to Portland for the wildest wedding and reception you'll ever attend."

Each student takes a morning and an afternoon class. Instructors are Barbara Burke, Kevin Flicker, '74, and George Peper, UMM faculty; Sam Stein, '96, and Lisa (Reese) Berdan, '88, UMM alumni; and Barb Hoppe and Nate Swenson from the Morris Area Schools. Faculty coordinator is Tom Turner, also of the UMM faculty.

In addition, said Ellis, some area schools lend their support by paying a student's tuition or assisting with busing.

On the final day of the Institute, a public program is presented to showcase student projects and performances.

For more information on the Henjum Institute for Creative Study, call Karen Ellis, University College, UMM, (320) 589-6450.

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ences, University of Minnesota; Barbara Reid, interim associate dean, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota; Elizabeth (Martin) Morrison '74, co-chair, West Central Educational Development Association; and Allan Thoren, president, First Federal Savings Bank, Morris.

"This is a most important appointment for UMM," said Lopez. "The new chancellor will set the tone for the direction in which UMM will go in the future."

With the recent meeting of the search committee, the selection process has begun. In addition to accepting applications, says Lopez, the committee encourages nominations for the position. Nominees are then contacted by the committee to see if they are interested in being considered for the position. Deadline for all applications is November 17, 1997. Following the application deadline, the committee meets and reviews all applications, and recommends approximately three candidates to President Yudof for his final selection.

A complete position description for the position is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/news/chanc_position.shtml>. Nominations and applications should be sent to Chair, Search Committee for Chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Morris, Division of Science and Mathematics, Science Room 217, University of Minnesota, Morris, Morris, MN 56267.

Diversity Jam VII

Continuing our commitment to finding common ground at UMM, six Jams will be held during the 1997-98 academic year. The first Jam was held on September 26. Ethnic food, double dutch jump rope (a favorite from last year) and entertainment by the UMM Dance Ensemble were enjoyed by all!



TECH FAIR 1997-98 Morris Campus Student Association president Eric Bass '98, East Bethel, gets some expert assistance from math assistant professor Peh Ng during the Faculty Technology Fair, coordinated by UMM Computing Services. The annual Tech Fair gives UMM faculty an opportunity to demonstrate how they use computers, networking, software and other instructional technology in teaching.

HOMECOMING 1997

October 17-19

Here is a preview of the exciting Homecoming events planned for this fall. It is never too early to make your UMM Homecoming plans!

Friday, October 17

9:30am Alumni Career Fair Breakfast
Oyate Hall, Student Center

11:00am-2:30pm Alumni Career Fair
Oyate Hall, Student Center

1:00am-5:00pm Art Gallery
Humanities Fine Arts Center

3:00-5:00pm MSP Alumni Association
Reception and Roundtable
MRC Lounge

5:00-6:45pm Alumni Appreciation and Career
Exploration Banquet
Oyate Hall, Student Center

7:00-9:00pm Alumni Association Annual Meeting
Moccasin Flower Room, Student Center

7:30pm Pep Fest and Coronation
Edson Auditorium

After 9:00pm Jazz Combos, location TBA
University Register, MCSA, and
KUMM informal reunions, *Met Lounge*

Saturday, October 18

10:00am-4:00pm Homecoming Welcome Booth
The Mall

11:00am Tailgate Party
The Mall

11:30am Parade! Winding through downtown
and ending on campus.

1:00am-5:00pm Art Gallery
Humanities Fine Arts Center

1:30pm Football game. Cougars battle
Bemidji State on *Cougar Field*

3:00-5:00pm UMM Bookstore Open

4:00-6:00pm Alumni Homecoming Reception
Oyate Hall, Student Center

7:00-9:00pm E-Quality Open House
Basement P.E. Annex

8:00pm Cougar Hall of Fame Banquet and
Awards Presentation. *Oyate Hall,
Student Center*. Reservations preferred,
call the P.E. office at (320) 589-6421.

After 8:00pm CAVE Concert, *Edson Auditorium*

Sunday, October 19

1:00am-5:00pm Art Gallery
Humanities Fine Arts Center

2:00pm Homecoming Band and Choir
Concert.
Recital Hall of HFA

7:00&9:00pm CAC-Films movie
Edson Auditorium, Student Center



Saturday's Alumni Homecoming Reception features a dedication of art works by UMM alumni Mark Knierim '87 and Lorie Schackmann '81 for the UMM Student Center.

Morris hotel accommodations for UMM Homecoming Weekend 1997!

Super 8 Motel: 1-800-8000 or (320) 589-8888
Best Western Prairie Inn: 1-800-535-3035 or (320) 589-3030
Morris Motel: (320) 589-1212
American House Bed and Breakfast: (320) 589-4054

*Due to hunting season, we recommend making reservations in advance

The 1997 Cougar Hall of Fame inductees:
JoAnn Thompson '80,
Laurie Jacklitch '80,
Dennis Clausen '65,
and Basil Meyer '89.

For further information call the Office of Alumni Relations at (320) 589-6066.

UMM marks 38th opening day

Approximately 580 new and transfer students and 28 new faculty and staff members became a part of the campus community at the University of Minnesota, Morris, as the first day of classes on September 24 marked UMM's 38th year.

Prior to opening day, a three-day orientation session assisted first-year and transfer students and their families in their transition to UMM.

New faculty orientation was held during the week of September 15, during which incoming faculty members were introduced to campus admin-

istrators and programs.

New faculty members are:

Division of Education:

Dominic Greenfield, assistant athletic trainer/lecturer, B.A., M.A., Ball State University; Todd Hickman, assistant football coach, B.E.S. degree, St. Cloud State University, M.Ed., University of Nebraska at Kearney; Reni Mason, assistant basketball coach/sports information director, B.G.S., M.S. candidate, University of New Orleans; James "Peter" Raeford, assistant football coach/sports information director, B.S., Morehead (Ky.) State University; Nick

Parker, assistant football coach, B.S., Maranatha, M.S. candidate, United States Sports Academy; and Matthew Johnson, assistant volleyball coach, B.A., UMM;

Division of the Humanities:

Pamela Chester, assistant professor of music, B.A., M.M.E., Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.; Nicole Didicher, assistant professor of English, B.A., Guelph, M.A., Ph.D., Queen's (Canada); Trent Oberg, teaching specialist (strings) in music; and Kerry Chermel, Spanish instructor, B.A., Lawrence, M.A., Middlebury (Vt.) College.

Six new faculty joined the Division of Science and Mathematics.

They are Reza Akbari, assistant professor, mathematics, B.A., M.A., Tehran, doctorate, Georgia; Tracey Anderson, assistant professor of biology, B.A., Gustavus Adolphus, M.A., Kansas, Ph.D., Oregon State; Barry Brent, assistant professor, mathematics, B.A., City College., CUNY, M.A., Ph.D., Boston University; James Flaten, physics instructor, B.A., Carleton, completing Ph.D., University of Minnesota; Janet Goslett, computer science instructor, B.A., M.A., Cape Town (South Africa), Ph.D. candidate, Michigan Tech; and Daniel Smith, assistant professor of biology, B.A., Ph.D., University of Minnesota.

Division of the Social Sciences welcomed four new faculty: An-

drea Carlson, economics instructor (fall quarter), B.A., St. Olaf, M.A. and Ph.D. candidate, University of Minnesota; Norrine Ostrowski, assistant professor of psychology, B.A., Bradley, M.A., Ph.D., Bowling Green; Joe Timmerman, assistant professor of economics, B.A., M.B.A., South Carolina; Ph.D. to be awarded December 1997 from Georgia State; and Roger Wendt, sociology lecturer, bachelor's, UMM, M.A., Northern Colorado, Ph.D., South Dakota State.

Six new professional and administrative staff members have also joined UMM. They are admissions counselor/coordinator Cathryn Davidson, B.A., UMM; Ruth Hackford, residence hall director, B.A., Utah State, completing M.A., Colorado State; Michael Snowden, Minority Student Program coordinator, B.A., M.A. and completing Ph.D., Southern Mississippi; Vang Vang, assistant librarian, B.A., University of California Santa Cruz, M.A., Simmons College, Boston, Mass.; Hildreth Venegas, teaching specialist, Dakota language, B.A., UMM; and Douglas Williams, ResNet server specialist, Computing Services, B.A., Mankato State University.

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The project is a part of UMM's \$28 million capital request to the 1998 Minnesota Legislature for an addition to the Science Building. Of that request, \$2.5 million is for the Fitness/Recreation Center. The Center's Task Force is seeking matching funds (for up to \$2.5 million) locally through tax-deductible contributions and grants. So far, more than \$320,000 has been pledged.

The mission of the Bremer Foundation, represented locally by the First American Bank, is to enhance the quality of life that Otto Bremer valued so highly. The Foundation responds to current and emerging needs of the Bremer Bank communities.

"On behalf of the committee members of the Regional Fitness and

Recreation Center, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Bremer Foundation for their belief in this project as expressed through their generous pledge," said Perkins. "A few months ago, none of us knew whether this project would even get off the ground. Now, thanks to generous pledges such as this, we are on our way to making this dream a reality. These are exciting times!"

If you would like to make a pledge toward establishing a regional fitness and recreation center in Morris, contact Cindy Perkins at Morris Area Community Education, 600 Columbia Avenue, Morris, MN 56267 or by calling her at (320) 589-4394.

Performing Arts '97-98 "brings you the world"



FLYING FOOT FORUM "A visual and emotional feast" will be offered by Joe Chvala and the Flying Foot Forum.

Hear that clogging and stompy-like dancing in the distance? It may be Joe Chvala and the Flying Foot Forum heading for Edson Auditorium. The Forum will open UMM's 1997-98 Campus Activities Council Performing Arts Series with a bang on October 10.

This year's Series events promise to bring audiences the three "E's": excitement, energy and entertainment! Mark your calendars for other events throughout the series: Wood and Strings Puppet Theatre, November 7; Yakov Kasman, classical pianist, January 24; The Montana Repertory Theatre performance of "To Kill a Mockingbird," February 20; Festival of Four, March 7, and DanceBrazil II, April 25. All performances begin at 8:15 p.m. in Edson Auditorium.

In addition, the nationally renowned UMM Jazz Ensembles will present three big performances of The 20th Annual UMM Jazz Fest. Guest artists Bobby Shew and Steve Houghton will join UMM jazzers April 2-4, 1998.

Joe Chvala and the Flying Foot Forum

Selected in 1997 by the National Dance Project as one of only 16 companies to receive creation support for development of a new work, Joe Chvala and the Flying Foot Forum's performance will include pieces from their "Mjollnir Trilogy," a percussive journey that plunges the audience back a thousand years into Norse myth.

In addition to its public performance, the Forum is scheduled to offer a public Tap Dance Master Class and "Dance That Makes Music" public residency.

Wood and Strings Puppet Theatre

Using characters exquisitely crafted in a wide variety of puppet styles, Wood and Strings performs two original stories: "Out of the Mist...A Dragon," a Japanese, romantic drama, and "An Ire-ish Tale," a contemporary, slapstick comedy. Unique staging techniques and near life-size puppets create a total environment rich in detail and color.

Earlier on Friday, Wood and Strings will offer puppet construction tips during three puppet-making residencies for area children and their parents. A puppet-in-the-curriculum residency for teachers will also be presented.

Yakov Kasman

First held in 1962 and repeated every four years since, the Van Cliburn International Piano competition is one of the most important music competi-

tions in the world. This year's silver medalist, Yakov Kasman of Russia, began his piano studies at the age of four in his home town of Orel near Moscow. He is currently a faculty member at the Music College of the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory. Kasman will present a Piano Performance Master Class earlier on Saturday. Potential participants must have a prepared piece for critique by the artist.

The Montana Repertory Theatre

Established in 1977 as the professional theatre-in-residence at The University of Montana in Missoula, the Montana Rep assembles principal actors, directors, and designers with prestigious credits including Broadway, Off-Broadway, national tours of Broadway shows and major regional theater cred-

its. The company's performance of Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "To Kill a Mockingbird," overflows with "haunting, homey voices telling a story that love can overcome hatred and that each person carries some inner beauty - some fragile mockingbird's song - that the rest of us need to hear."

A public set construction and design residency will be held by the company late Friday afternoon. Area theater students are especially encouraged to attend.

Festival of Four

Festival of Four brings an entire concert season of variety to the Edson stage. Explore a world of musical possibilities from a distinguished group of soloists who have come together to share with audiences the special character of their own musical heritages.

A children's program will be presented at the Morris Area Elementary School Auditorium. "Life as a Musician" will be offered for local children in the Morris Alternative Program and at the Heartland Girls Ranch in Benson. A "History of Flamenco Music" residency, a Career Options for Musicians and a Guitar Master Class will be open to the public.

DanceBrazil

A vibrant company of 12 dancers, singers and musicians, Jelton Vieira's DanceBrazil II brings the rich, exciting culture of Bahia in Brazil to audiences around the world with its repertoire ranging from traditional and contemporary Afro-Brazilian to modern dance. Based in Bahia, the company has performed during the past five seasons in almost every state of the U.S.

Nationally-recognized Summer Scholars Program continues a successful tradition

Thirty-nine students from Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Wisconsin attended the 13th Annual UMM Summer Scholars Program in July. The program is designed to offer scholastically talented high school students an intellectually challenging and socially rewarding college-level experience. Two courses, each carrying four college credits, are open to gifted students currently in their junior year of high school who rank in the top 20 percent of their high school class.

Twenty-four of the students enrolled in the program took the course, "Human Reproduction and Biotechnol-

ogy," taught by Van Gooch, of the UMM biology/health faculty, and Tom Turner, of the UMM Spanish discipline faculty. The course examined the new techniques of biological sciences used to tinker with human reproduction. In addition to several UMM and area speakers, the class featured tours of facilities related to the course topic.

Senator Paul Wellstone and Minnesota writers Bill Holm and Evelyn Fairbanks spoke to students enrolled in the class titled "Growing Up American." The course looked at personal identity, relationships with adults, American heroes and role models as

One day prior to the company's performance, DanceBrazil will offer a Martial Arts Master Class and a Percussion Workshop.

Primary funding for this series is provided by University of Minnesota, Morris students. This activity is made possible by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature. In addition, this activity is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The performances by the Montana Repertory Theatre and Jelton Vieira's DanceBrazil II are also supported by Arts Midwest, a regional arts organization serving America's heartland, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more details and ticket information on this year's Performing Arts Series, contact the Office of Student Activities, University of Minnesota, Morris, 600 East 4th Street, Morris, MN 56267, Phone (320) 589-6080.



HOOPING IT UP Students hoop it up at an informal hula hoop contest held during the final Diversity Jam of the academic year. Diversity Jams are student-initiated celebrations that encourage the campus community to come together...to pledge to build a community where all students can receive the full benefit of the UMM experience.

reflected primarily in the history and literature of the United States, but with attention, also, to growing up in other times and places. The course, taught by UMM faculty members, Roland Guyotte (history) and Dwight Purdy (English), included a tour of a Hutterite colony.

Students live on campus during their two-week stay, and have full access to the cultural and recreational facilities of UMM. Scholarships for tuition, room and board are available to eligible students.

For additional information on the Summer Scholars program, contact program coordinator Karen Ellis, University College, UMM, (320) 589-6450, toll-free 1-800-842-0030.

U Card in use at library

The Rodney Briggs Library began using the U Card as its library card in August. For those who already have a U Card, the new identification for University of Minnesota students, faculty and staff, cards were activated for the SUMMON system. Effective October 1, all UMM users will be using only the U Card at the library.

Cornerstone



MORRIS FREE SCOUTS A gathering at a recent auspicious occasion -- the wedding of one of their own -- Nick Ripperger.

Remembering the "Morris Free Scouts"

Cornerstone received replies from a Free Scout "adoptee," current UMM history associate professor, Roland Guyotte, and a former Free Scout, Nick Ripperger, '72:

Roland: "Here are some random recollections. The MFS probably dates from about 1970. It was originally a prospective chapter of a national fraternity. Jim Ramsay and Bob Sater were among the originators. I think Tom McRoberts was faculty adviser then, before going off to Oregon to graduate school. Members gathered socially, had club traditions, and intramural athletic teams. ...members tended to be politically liberal and joined (along with many other UMM

students) in protests against the Vietnam War. Some were active in community service while at UMM, and several went on to careers as social workers, teachers, community organizers, and employees of local government...

"...some retained an attachment to the 1960s "counterculture": the MFS especially liked the music of The Doors...a few found spouses through the MFS...Certainly many have remained life-long friends and gather informally from time to time..."

Nick: "The Morris Free Scouts was a combination of spontaneous organization and unplanned obsolescence. In the spring of 1969, Phi Sigma Epsilon placed an

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ad in the *Vanguard*, the UMM student newspaper at that time, announcing that it wanted to start a "colony" on the Morris campus. After a couple of meetings with representatives from St. Cloud State, Gay Hall residents of 2A formed the colony, consisting of original members Jim Ramsay, Bob Sater, Rod Labatt, Les Buesgens, Robb Morin, Ron Bell, Greg Banken, Don Gilmore, Al Colliander, Jim Shekleton, Jim Moore, and Steve Boese.

In the fall of 1969, the fraternity house was established at 109 W Seventh St. The Phi Sigs quickly became an unconventional fraternity, however, and when they insisted that women be allowed as members, the national organization disavowed them. As a result, they had to disassociate themselves from the national and change their name. Jim Shekleton came up with the name, "Free Scouts," which was readily accepted over the contender "The Party Boys." Sue Stumm and Barb Schmidt became the first two female members of the "fraternity." Faculty members Roland Guyotte and Tom McRoberts also were adopted.

During that time, "Touch Me" by the Doors became the anthem of the Free Scouts.

Because of the loose requirements for becoming a member, eventually a num-

ber of students, male and female, associated with the group. Individually they tended to be politically active, and in 1972, about half of the students on the campus assembly were Free Scouts. As the core group graduated, and the secondary and tertiary groups followed over the next few years, the Free Scout presence at UMM faded. By the mid to late 1970s, their presence on campus was gone.

Friendships continued, however, and in the mid 1970s, gathering at the Rand Bar in St. Paul became the annual reunion of the Free Scouts. Life after college, as it was during college, was treated somewhat irreverently, and a number of "accomplishment" awards were given out, including the Nowhere Man, the Capitalist of the Year, and the Sieve of the Year. Basically, Sieves were those who let opportunities slip through their hands or did something extraordinarily stupid during the year. Usually, there was no lack of candidates. (Editor's note: Rumor has it that Ripperger is currently in possession of the Sieve Award.)

Over 25 years have passed, but Free Scouts still get together on occasion to recall old times and to dance to 'Touch Me.' "

Ponder for the next issue:

Do you know your ABCs? Maybe you can explain the Agricultural Barter for College program.

Send your answer to *Profile*, Office of University Relations, 11 Education, UMM, Morris, MN 56267-2134.

"I think they were talking about it before I started in 1971"...

What UMM alumni say about the importance of the Morris Science Project

UMM wanted to know how alumni of the science and math discipline felt about UMM, and specifically, how they felt about the need for an addition to the existing Science and Math facility? So we asked them:

1) In your estimation, how does the education you received at UMM compare to other institutions of higher learning?

2) What are your thoughts concerning the need for an addition to the existing Science and Math facility?

It doesn't compare! UMM is in a class by itself. Small class size and access to faculty at all times really make UMM stand out.

The area of science and math is such a fast-growing field with technology becoming more and more advanced. UMM must keep up in order to attract and keep high caliber students and to maintain its well-deserved prestige. I fully support it!

Diane Heid '90
Laboratory computer manager
St. Cloud Hospital

Besides being a chemistry T.A. all four years, I had the opportunity to work on the Eagle Lake Project, and was the student rep to the chemistry department, so I had many opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. I think they were talking about it (Morris Science Project) before I started in 1971. I got a good education because of the faculty, but my knowledge of instrumentation and in-depth higher level chemistry was somewhat weak. Money spent on space and equipment will reap



huge benefits for future UMM science students. Over the years since I graduated, the fact that this science expansion has not been built has caused me to question the U of M's commitment to the Morris campus. Still, I have been looking into colleges for my high school daughters and see college reviews listing Morris as one of the best college buys in the country.

Tim Kapsner '75
chemist
Aveda Corporation

Having witnessed and been a part of a chemistry program and a larger so-called "better" school, I am very grateful for the education and personable approach which I received.

I can't imagine an institution that is more deserving or one that would put more and newer facilities to good use.
Anna Nelson '93
first-year law student
University of Minnesota

It was absolutely superb. In fact, I felt a little let down when I went to medical school afterwards -- I didn't think they did as good a job of teaching as UMM did.

It sounds like it's needed. Do what you can to keep science and math strong

at UMM!

Dwenda Gjerdingen '72
physician and physician educator
University of Minnesota

(UMM is) in a high standing with other schools. It was a challenging/rewarding experience.

Society is putting higher demands on science competency in career jobs. If UMM is to remain competitive for this demand, then it must upgrade from its current status so future students will be prepared in working with new technology.

Jon Gubrud '90
teacher
Willmar High School

UMM prepared me for graduate school. I feel that my fellow graduate classmates undergrad coursework was not as complete and demanding as mine. For example, about two-thirds of my graduate friends have had to take undergrad liberal arts courses to make up for a less than complete undergrad program. I do not have to take any. UMM isn't only the best public school in Minnesota, it is far superior to the public (and most private) schools in New York, Vermont, and Pennsylvania!

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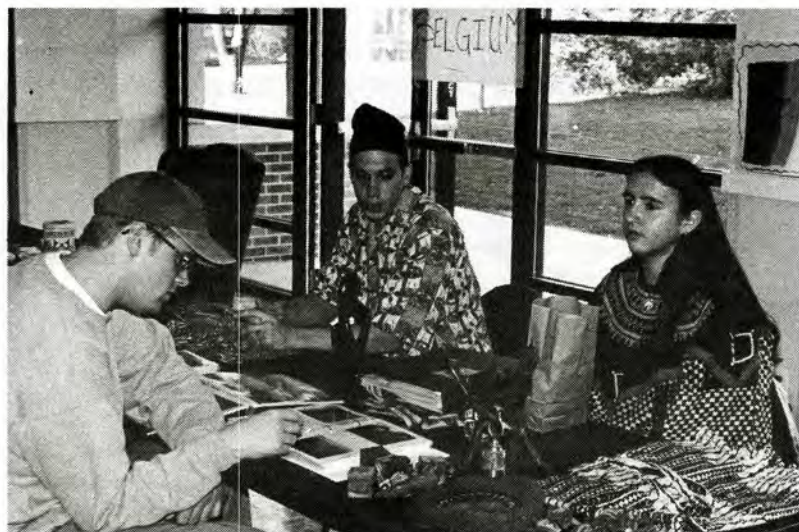
As a physics major, I know firsthand of UMM's need for a new science/math facility. If UMM wants to maintain their reputation for excellence, the addition is needed. Students deserve up-to-date classroom and lab facilities, and faculty members deserve appropriate office and research space.

Elizabeth Hokanson '96
graduate student

Help! After a long process, with many ups and downs, UMM's Division of Science and Mathematics is finally at the stage where funding for the new wing of the science building is within reach...Our current focus is on the 1998 legislature and that's where you could help. A letter from you to Minnesota state senators and representatives this winter would be very helpful to our cause....we look forward to hearing from you.

Mike Korth '78
Chair
UMM Division of Science and Math

If you would like more information on the Morris Science Project, or to find out how you can help, contact the Office of Alumni Relations, Behmler Hall, UMM, Morris, MN 56267-2134, (320) 589-6066.



COUNTRY FAIR

Students exchange cultures and experiences of different countries at the annual Country Fair held during spring quarter. The event is sponsored by the UMM Center for International Programs.

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<<http://www.mrs.umn.edu>>

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- Weekly Bulletin
- UMM Class Bulletin and Class Schedule and...

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Calendar of Events

At the University of Minnesota, Morris and Elsewhere

September 21-23	New Student Orientation	November 17	CAC Convocation John Taborn: "The Social Psychology of Racism"
September 24	Fall Quarter Classes Begin	November 20-21	Theater Production: "Coriolanus," Proscenium Theatre, 8:15 p.m.
October 6	President Mark Yudof and Judy Yudof Visit	November 22	Theater Production: "Coriolanus," Proscenium Theatre, 2:15 and 8:15 p.m.
October 10	Performing Arts Series: Joe Chvala & the Flying Foot Forum, Edson Aud, 8:15 p.m.	November 27-28	Thanksgiving Campus Holidays
October 15	Humphrey Doermann Honorary Degree Presentation	December 5	Last Day of Fall Quarter Classes
October 16-19	HOMEcoming See complete list of events on page 13 of this issue.	December 24-26	Christmas Campus Holidays
October 17	University of Minnesota President Mark Yudof Inauguration	January 5	Winter Quarter Classes Begin
October 27	Campus Activities Council (CAC) Convocation Patrice Gaines: "The Magnificent Power to Change"	January 19	Martin Luther King Day Campus holiday
November 7	Performing Arts Series: Wood and Strings Puppet Theatre, Edson Aud, 8:15 p.m.	January 24	Performing Arts Series: Yakov Kasman, Edson Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.
November 8	Parents' Day 1997	January 26	CAC Convocation Women's Week speaker

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